

OUTLINES.

The so-called tobacco trust was declared an illegal combination in a final decree handed down by the United States Circuit Court in New York yesterday, naming nine companies and their subsidiaries as members of the combine.—The selecting of the jurors to hear the cases of eight alleged Tennessee night riders on charges of murder, will begin at Union City today. Yesterday was spent in summoning veniremen and witnesses for the State and defense.—Chas. M. Schwab former president of the United States Steel Corporation, gave valuable testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee at the tariff hearing yesterday.—The jury was secured in the Hains-Annis murder case yesterday and the taking of testimony will begin today.—The decree in the Federal court declaring the American Tobacco Company and others an illegal monopoly was filed yesterday.—Shippers are about agreed with the Interstate Commerce Commission on the proposed standard bill of lading.—Many prominent men of this Nation and of foreign countries participated in the banquet of the National Geographic Society in Washington last night.—The Federal Agricultural Department yesterday gave out revised figures showing the amount and value of the chief farm products of this country.—The President's special message to Congress, read in both houses yesterday, on the charges of graft in the purchase of the Panama canal caused much amusement and there was a good deal of laughter at several of his statements.—A Dutch battleship arrives at Willemstad towing a captured Venezuelan warship.—Last night a Mrs. Moss was attacked by a negro in her home in Stanly county. Her screams brought twenty out and her assailant was captured.—New York Market: Money on call firm and higher at 2 3/4 to 4 per cent; ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.10, middling gulf 9.35. Flour quiet and barely steady. Corn steady 2 66 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 55 1-2. Rosin and turpentine quiet.

It seems that State prohibition in North Carolina will put some others besides saloon keepers out of a job.

That Bladen county negro must have mistaken the sex of that one of his wife's parents he shot the other day.

Don't you reckon Castro knew what was coming when he concluded to take his trip to Europe? At any rate, he has gotten out of the way just in time.

Does anyone expect such a big Government deal as the purchase and building of the Panama canal to go through without some graft or anyone getting a rake-off?

If some of that canal purchase money did stick to the sides of the channel it will not delay the work of its construction. So why make so much fuss about it on either side?

It is said Mr. Cortelyou will go from the Cabinet to the Presidency of one of the big trusts. This is a promotion that most of the Cabinet officers look for these days.

If Chairman Adams can't convict Marion Butler of malicious libel he is going to have the satisfaction of giving him a lot of trouble before he gets through with him in the criminal court of Guilford county.

The cartoonists seem to think Speaker Cannon has discovered, or perhaps knows that he made, a hole in that Taft agreement big enough for him to crawl through—and we bank on the cartoonists being right.

Why should our Government interfere with the action of the Netherlands in forcing Venezuela to be honest? It was never intended that the Monroe Doctrine should be put to such use.

Those Democrats who are announcing themselves as candidates for the nomination in the Fifth and Eighth Congressional districts two years hence must expect the Legislature to do some redistricting at the coming session.

For a charge which has no semblance of truth in it President Roosevelt seems to be mighty worried about what those two newspapers have said in reference to the Panama canal purchase. You know Sam Jones used to say it was the hit dog that howled.

Isn't Brother Harris, of the Chronicle, of Charlotte, "a leetlebit" off with his figures when he says his city "already has one macadamized street forty miles long without a break"? If that be the case the Queen City must have swiped more of the territory of surrounding counties and adjoining States than was supposed when she extended her corporate limits.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Father of Mrs. W. McC. White, Formerly of Petersburg, Va., Killed Away Yesterday.

PARDON THOS. W. DEWEY

Ex-Judge Robt. Urges it Before Governor—Sev. at Charters Are Granted—State Board of Pharmacy in Session.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—At an early hour this morning at the home of Rev. W. McC. White, who recently came here from Petersburg, Va., to assume the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Mr. L. D. Lorrains, father of Mrs. White, passed away after an illness of several weeks, aged 74. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The remains were carried on the noon train to Petersburg, Va., for interment.

Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, was in conference some time this morning with Governor Glenn, urging that he pardon Thomas W. Dewey, who is serving a six years' sentence for defalcations as cashier that caused the wreck of the Merchant's and Farmers' Bank, Newbern. Some months ago there was a hearing on a petition for pardon that resulted in the Governor's declining to grant the pardon.

The Acme Hosiery Mills Co., Asheville, is chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$15,000 subscribed, by O. R. Cox, J. E. Walker and others for a general knitting business. Other charters are to the North Carolina Pine Co., Durham, capital \$35,000, by T. L. Setzer, G. O. Potts and others, for lumber business; and the Red Blood Tonic Co., Goldsboro, capital \$100,000, by A. R. Morgan, H. M. Mel-pas and others for special and general drug business.

Fifty pharmaceutical students spent the day in Representatives Hall of the State House being examined by the State Board of Pharmacy for the issuance of licenses. The young men came from every section of the State. The State Board is composed of E. V. Zoeller, Tarboro, president; W. F. Hancock, Oxford, secretary; W. W. Horner, Fayetteville; C. D. Bradham, Newbern; C. B. Miller, Goldsboro. The annual examination and comparison of the books and vouchers of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor by the Legislative Committee regularly appointed by the Legislature for that purpose began today in the State Treasury and will require about the remainder of the week. J. A. Holt, Guilford, is chairman of the commission and the other members are R. W. Turner, Elizabeth City; M. B. Stickley, Cabarrus; T. W. Blount, Washington, and T. E. Owen, Sampson.

There is general gratification among Raleigh masons over the fact that the joint committee from the local lodges and the grand lodge Masonic Temple committee have reached an agreement as to the rental for the Grand Lodge hall in the splendid \$125,000 temple whereby the local lodges will use the hall for local meetings.

REWARD FOR EVIDENCE

Twenty-five Dollars Offered in Case of Abandoned Infant.

The Mayor stated yesterday that in the absence of a definite clue upon which the police can work to a conclusion, he had decided to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and evidence sufficient to convict the party or parties responsible for the heartless abandonment of the infant on the doorstep of Mrs. Howard, on Castle street, last Wednesday night, the child having subsequently died as the result of the exposure. The crime is a very grievous one and it is to be hoped that the reward will result in bringing the guilty party or parties to justice. The police have been steadily at work on the case since the abandonment and death of the child but Chief Williams stated yesterday afternoon that it seemed impossible to get a clue that was at all well defined.

EXEMPTION APPORTIONED.

Appraisers Pass on Stock of Julius P. Taylor—Sale of Residue.

Under the execution levied on Monday, closing the store of "Taylor, the Tailor," on North Front street, Justice Furlong appointed Messrs. A. A. Shrier, J. M. Solky and E. N. Penny as a board of appraisers to lay off the legal exemption allowed Mr. Taylor under the law. The work was completed yesterday and Mr. Taylor effected a sale of his appurtenments of the stock to other local dealers, so that he will not begin open business for the present. The residue of the stock has been stored in the I. O. O. F. building, pending a sale of the same to satisfy the execution, which was for something over \$725, being amounts of alleged indebtedness to Northern creditors, represented by Woodus Kellum, Esq.

Buy your toys and fancy goods at Reider's. Store open until 9 o'clock in the evening.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

Little Robert Craig Fearfully Burned, Succumbed to Injuries After Lingering Through the Day—Distressing Affair.

Sustaining fatal burns in a most unfortunate manner early yesterday morning, little Robert Craig, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Craig, of No. 924 North Fourth street, died last night at 9:15 o'clock after lingering in a hopeless condition throughout the day.

The grief of the parents in the tragic death of their son and the details in connection with the distressing affair are inexpressibly sad.

Accompanying his father down stairs on his way to work yesterday morning shortly after 7 o'clock, in his night clothes, Mr. Craig kindled a fire in one of the rooms in a stove and closed it to burn. He left the house and the little fellow's gown became ignited when he peeped into the stove to see how the fire was progressing. Realizing his gown was burning rapidly and he was in danger, he shouted for assistance, at the same time making frantic efforts to go upstairs. The flames fanned by his running and growing fiercer, soon enveloped his entire body and were only extinguished by his mother and others who reached his side, after he had been fearfully burned. His injuries caused intense pain and Dr. J. T. Schonwald attended him throughout the day, administering temporary remedies which relieved him of the agony suffered from the burns, realizing, however, from the first that the injuries would be fatal.

Neighbors and sympathizing friends offered every assistance, but their efforts were fruitless. Mr. Craig is a car builder in the Atlantic Coast Line shops, and the loss sustained by the parents in the untimely death of their son will be learned of with great sorrow by their friends and acquaintances. The remains were prepared for burial by Funeral Director James F. Woolvin and the hour for the obsequies will be announced later.

CASE IS CONTINUED

Rockingham Receivership Matter Before Judge Jeter C. Pritchard.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, has issued an order continuing the hearing of a former order, which required that the receivers for the Rockingham Power Company, appear and show cause why they should not be removed and a single receiver be appointed more representative of the majority of the stock. The hearing was originally set for Monday in Richmond, but Judge Pritchard now continues the order to January 13th. The North Carolina stockholders ask that Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, be named as the receiver to take charge of the property and administer its affairs until the further orders of the court. Judge Pritchard's later order guarantees attorneys' fees to those prosecuting the case.

"THE MOUSE TRAP"

Delightful Affair By Expression League Tomorrow Night.

The programme of the entertainment to be given by the Expression League at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening is being daily rehearsed by the members of the League. It will be given in the large gymnasium where a stage will be constructed and seats arranged to accommodate a large crowd. There will be humorous and dramatic readings, impersonations, monologues, and a play that will be thoroughly amusing and entertaining. William Dean Howells, "The Mouse Trap," will be presented. This farce is considered by many to be the best of all his humorous plays, being bright and witty and full of humorous situations. Tickets are now on sale at the Y. M. C. A. at fifteen and twenty-five cents.

PARTY TO SEE HACKETT

Steamer Madeleine Brings Visitors From Fort Caswell for Theatre.

The steamer Madeleine, Captain O. D. Burriss, arrived yesterday evening at 7 o'clock from Fort Caswell, bringing a party of officers and their wives from the post to witness the production by Mr. James K. Hackett and company at the theatre last evening. In the party were Captain Hancock, Mrs. Hancock, Captain Hasbrouck, Lieutenant McCleary and wife, Lieutenant Edwards and Chaplain Kunick and about thirty-five men of the garrison. The steamer returned after the play about 12 o'clock last night.

MARRIED AT HAMPSTEAD

Miss Lizzie Gray, of Wilmington, Bride of Mr. Sanders.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Hampstead, N. C., Dec. 14.—A very pretty marriage on Sunday evening was that of Miss Lizzie Gray of Wilmington, and Mr. Hermon Sanders. The bride was becomingly attired in white silk and carried a lovely bouquet of flowers. The attendants were Miss Belle Wells and Mr. Otis H. Henderson. The wedding march was skillfully played on the organ by Professor Bowen. The ceremony was performed by Elder White in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives.

ITS SCENERY ABLAZE

James K. Hackett Company Appeared Under Difficulties at Academy Last Night.

BAGGAGE ON FIRE IN TRANSIT

Blaze Started in Sixty-Foot Car Piled High With Scenic Effects—The Production, However, the Best of the Season.

Undaunted by an earlier fire which at one time threatened the complete destruction of all its scenic effects, piled high in a sixty-foot baggage car of the four that compose a special train in which the company was travelling yesterday morning from Fayetteville and in which the present Southern tour is being made, Mr. James K. Hackett, the eminent American actor, and his original New York cast, gave a very fine production of "The Prisoner of Zenda" to a large and thoroughly delighted audience at the Academy of Music last evening.

Although one entire stage setting for the production was completely ruined and other pieces were more or less damaged, to the average person in the audience last night the misfortune would have been unnoticed but for the brief response of Mr. Hackett to a curtain call after the first act in which he regretted the handicap under which the company was appearing for the night's engagement and hoped that the performance, which perhaps not up to its standard, would be pleasing. Fortunately one setting from the house equipment perfectly met the emergency and the difference was hardly noticeable to the lay spectator.

The fire occurred early yesterday afternoon soon after the regular train from the South on the Atlantic Coast Line to which the four cars were attached, had left Chadbourn. The cars had been handled as a special over the Coast Line from Fayetteville to Elrod and thence down to Chadbourn in time to catch the regular train due to arrive here a little after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. While the train was in motion, smoke was discovered issuing from the top of the sixty-foot baggage car, owned by the Southern Railway and formerly used as a Southern Express coach. The fire evidently started from a gas lighting arrangement such as is usually used in railway coaches and the train was run with all possible haste to Evergreen station where the hose from a large saw mill plant in operation there was turned on the car and the flames extinguished after a delay of a couple of hours.

Upon the arrival in Wilmington the car was shifted to the lower yards of the Coast Line and the scenery unloaded. It was found that many of the settings were burned through, though the principal damage was to the effects of "The Crisis," which is also being played by Mr. Hackett on tour this season. The car was badly damaged near the top and temporary repairs were necessary at the Coast Line shops in this city, another being furnished to the company by the Coast Line. But for the fact that all the scenery was made of fire-proof material the loss would have been much greater. The damage is now being adjusted between the management of the company and the railroad, the amount not yet having been determined.

Mr. Hackett was seen to fine advantage in "The Prisoner of Zenda" which has made him fame and fortune. His supporting company is also strong and the audience at the theatre last evening heartily enjoyed the production. The appearance of Mr. Hackett and his charming company was really the big theatrical event of the season and in the trifling misfortune from which the player-manager will recover in a very short time, he has the sympathetic interest of hundreds of friends in Wilmington.

BIG SALE OPENS TODAY

Wilmington Furniture Company's Big Merchandising Event.

Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the barriers in front of the store of the Wilmington Furniture Company, which have supported the large canvas announcing the big sale for the holidays, will be knocked down and the great merchandising event will be on. Messrs. J. L. Stern & Co., the original and successful sales managers, are in charge and \$15,000 worth of high grade furniture has been marked down to prices that will carry every article away. In the stock are many holiday novelties as well as staple articles suitable for the yuletide shopper. The sale is on account of a change of business and the stock must be reduced to a minimum by the first of January, hence the announcement.

Along the Wharf.

The receipts of cotton yesterday at the local port, were the largest for several days, 2,100 bales being received by rail. The British steamer Langoe, Capt. Nisbet, cleared yesterday with 14,766 bales of cotton, valued at \$670,000, for Bremen; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

DO NOT COUNTENANCE IT

Committee From Pastors' Association Makes Investigation of Rescue Work Recently Undertaken in Wilmington.

A committee of Protestant ministers appointed by the local Ministerial Association yesterday issued to the press a statement in regard to a recent investigation of the Rescue Home being conducted in the southern part of the city and for which aid has been asked from time to time by those in charge of the institution. The statement traces the history of the work in Wilmington and the progress of the committee's investigation of the same, declaring itself mindful of the delicateness of the task assigned and expressing the conviction that the work is not wisely managed, however honest the intention. In addition to the inmates, some of whom the committee were convinced were evidently using the Home as a convenience, it was found that children were being placed in the institution, surrounded by what only could be considered most unwholesome environment that must prove harmful to youthful minds. The committee states that it has learned that an agent of the Home is making a canvass of the State for the purpose of inducing persons to come to the Home, many of whom are manifestly making of it a convenience as they are required to pay board while there and usually a fee of \$8 for care. This seems to the committee a very questionable feature and it is strongly condemned. The committee fails to find that any reputable or responsible organization is behind the work and that the official heads of the institution are affiliated with the leaders which claims membership in the Methodist Church but which in no way endorses them. In the judgment of the committee, which is endorsed by the Pastor's Association, the work as at present conducted is not only unwise but dangerous and until properly organized and administered in responsible manner, does not merit the support of the people. The suggestion is made that the Mayor take the matter under consideration as being a possible menace to the community.

SANITARY BOARD MEETS TODAY.

Special Committee Appointed to Confer in Regard to Abattoir.

Under authority granted at the meeting of the County Board of Health on Monday afternoon, Chairman D. McEachern yesterday appointed Drs. A. H. Harris, Chas. T. Nesbitt and D. W. Bulluck to confer with the County Sanitary Board and take some definite action on the question of a central slaughter house or abattoir for the use of the butchers of the city. Simultaneously with the appointment of the conference committee Register of Deeds John Haar, clerk ex officio of the County Sanitary Board, was instructed to issue a call for a meeting of the Board and the committee today at noon at the Court House. The Sanitary Board is composed of all members of the Board of Commissioners and Drs. E. J. Wood and R. H. Bellamy. The public is awaiting with interest news of some action to correct evils manifestly far from satisfactory to consumers of local slaughter house products.

CARRY SPIVEY BACK

Sheriff Clark of Bladen Here Yesterday—Negro's Record.

Sheriff J. M. Clark, of Bladen county, reached here yesterday after being notified by the local authorities of the arrest of Henry Spivey, on Sunday night, on the charge of shooting his father-in-law at Abbottsburg and the negro will be carried back on the early morning train today. There is strong evidence against him and in all probability the sheriff says he is charged the deed with which he is charged. Justice of the Peace J. W. C. Valentine, of Bladen, who is here attending Federal court and caused the detention of the negro on the train last Sunday night, says he has known him for years and that he has a bad record. Mr. Valentine claimed that Spivey is the instigator of night rider threats in Bladen county and that the stories he was telling the police that his father-in-law was shot by the night prowlers, who he claims had alarmed the people in that locality, are untrue.

THE HOLIDAY STAMPS

Christmas Packages Should Bear the Legend of the Red Cross.

Now that Christmas shopping is well under way and thousands of little packages are being made up for the gladsome yuletide, the Star is asked to call the attention of the charitably inclined to the fact that no gift may hardly be considered complete unless it bears the little, inexpensive merry greeting as contained upon the Red Cross stamp, which may be purchased at all drug stores and other public places in the city. During the glad-some holidays these little tokens of the user's love for humankind should not be omitted and it is to be hoped that the fact, for the cause which it represents, will be generally adopted. The ladies in charge of the Wilmington branch of the society call attention to the fact that there are yet not many days that these little stamps will be in order and their use is recommended now.

U. S. COURT SESSION

Several Cases of More Than Passing Interest Disposed of Here Yesterday.

MAY FINISH DOCKET TODAY

Well-to-do Cumberland Man Charged With Several Irregularities But Found Not Guilty—Verdicts of Not Guilty.

Only a few cases were disposed of in the United States District Court yesterday, though several were of more than passing interest. Both morning and afternoon sessions were held, a recess being taken shortly after 4 o'clock until 10 A. M. today. It is hoped to clear the docket of District Court cases today so that Circuit Court matters may be taken up tomorrow with the calling of the Fort Caswell reservation matter.

Yesterday the case of most interest and one that consumed the greater part of the forenoon session was that of Mr. John Smith, a well-to-do citizen of Cumberland county, charged with violation of the internal revenue laws, what the deputy marshals regarded as an "undue" amount of liquor having been found in his possession at one time. The State law in certain counties provides that the possession of over a certain amount of liquor in possession of a person at one time is prima facie evidence of retailing, but in the Federal Court, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for the defendant, showed that there was no such provision and dealers in Wadesboro, which recently went dry, were introduced to show that Mr. Smith had purchased the liquor for legitimate purposes. The charge against the defendant was retailing, concealing and rectifying. Revenue Officers Poole, Holland and Downing testified to having raided Smith's premises and having found 30 or more gallons of liquor, empty jugs, empty barrels, coloring matter, etc. Mr. Smith, who lives near Hope Mills, runs a large vineyard and makes about 2,000 gallons of wine per year. He went on the stand and told of the legitimate use of the vessels and liquids found on his premises. Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, Capt. Robeson and others testified to the high character of Mr. Smith. The jury took the case after argument by counsel and returned a verdict of not guilty at 3:45 P. M., after being out over the dinner recess and receiving additional instructions from his Honor, Judge Waddill.

Dave White, colored, on trial Monday afternoon when court took a recess, was acquitted by the jury upon completion of the trial yesterday morning. The defendant was one of several arrested some time ago by South Carolina detectives in the raid at Fayetteville. He was represented by John W. Bolton, Esq.

James White, also of Cumberland and charged with retailing, was likewise found not guilty.

James Powell, Columbus county, violation of postal laws, was found guilty but judgment was reserved.

Ernest McKinnon, Cumberland, retailing, was found not guilty. He was represented by J. W. Bolton, Esq., of Fayetteville.

Nunnie Manning, Robeson, retailing, was found guilty but judgment was reserved.

Case of H. C. Carter, Robeson charged with retailing, was continued, it being understood defendant is now serving a term from the State courts.

John Dudley and Caesar Clayton, Scotland, charged with damage to rural mail box, were both discharged, it appearing that both have been in jail about six months.

During the day William M. Bellamy Esq., and Thos. L. Johnson, Esq., were presented to the court by Col. Harry Skinner and J. G. McCormick, Esq., and after taking the prescribed oath, were duly admitted to practice in the Federal Courts of the district.

ALDERMEN MEET TONIGHT

Special Session to Hear Report From Waterworks Committee.

Mayor Springer stated yesterday that at the request of the Special Waterworks Committee of the Board of Aldermen he had decided to issue a call for a special session of the Board tonight at the usual hour. It is presumed that at this meeting the committee will have a report to make on the progress of its negotiations for the purchase of the Clarendon Waterworks Company to be enlarged and extended as a municipally owned and operated plant. The committee has had several meetings and conferences with the waterworks officials and while it is stated, that nothing definite has been reached, a report will be made and the Board will then be at liberty to take such action as it may deem best. It is the present plan to close up the negotiations so that in the event it is decided to purchase the established plant, it can be taken over on the first of January, the beginning of the quarter when there will be no unexpired contracts or rentals due, adding complications with which the committee was much hampered during the former negotiations.

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ROOSEVELT'S BIG STICK.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent a special message to Congress on the subject of the charges made by certain newspapers of the country in reference to graft in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal rights by the American Government. The message is surely interesting reading; in fact, it is hot stuff, and we regret that we are unable because of the shortness of time and the lack of space to give it in full. Therefore we will have to ask our readers to be content with only a few extracts from the same which we give here. Mr. Roosevelt opens his message with the following paragraph:

"In view of the constant reiteration of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by or on behalf of the United States Government in connection with the acquisition of the title of the French Company to the Panama Canal, and of the repetition of the story that a syndicate of American citizens owned either one or both of the Panama companies, I deem it wise to submit to the Congress all the information I have on the subject. These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called 'The News,' edited by Mr. Delavan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, 'The World,' owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody; unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill informed in this respect and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer. A member of Congress has actually introduced a resolution in reference to these charges."

The President then goes on to recount the charges made which were that certain Americans had secured a rake off on the payment agreed on by our Government to the stockholders of the French Company. He says the chief ones of these were "Charles P. Taft a brother of William H. Taft, then candidate for the Presidency and Douglas Robinson, my brother-in-law." There is where the shoe pinches the President so badly. The two men charged with having their fingers deepest in the graft pie are the brother of the man President Roosevelt forced on the country as his party's candidate for president to succeed himself, and the President's brother-in-law. It is natural that such charges should rile the President, but the fact that they are made is no warrant to him to denounce those who made them as malicious liars unless he has facts to prove the charges to be false and even in that case his conduct would be more in keeping with the office he holds were he to be less emphatic in his language or, what would be still better, were he to keep silent on the subject and leave the refutation of the charges to the men against whom they have been made.

Why should the President, in his official capacity, by a public message to Congress, rush to the defense of two citizens—private individuals, who are perfectly able to make their own defense, if they have any?

Speaking of the charges against his friends and official proteges President Roosevelt says "these statements sometimes appear in the editorials, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end." He says "these stories, as a matter of fact, need no investigation whatever;" that they "consist simply of a string of infamous lies."

Admitting, for the sake of argument, that the charges of the two newspapers are wholly without foundation, can anyone say that the President has taken a dignified course to refute them, even if he is considered the proper person to make the defense of the parties accused. The conduct of Roosevelt will have the effect of causing a good many people to believe that there is more in the charges than they would have supposed or having a suspicion that he knew of the transaction and was trying to cover it up by bluster and attempt at bulldozing the public. In more ways than one the President has made a big mistake in sending this message to Congress.

THE CLINCHFIELD RAILROAD.

In the last issue of the Manufacturers' Record there are several articles in reference to development in the South, regarding especially certain enterprises now in progress, which should be of great interest to the people of this section. Chief among these is the great railway line building from the Appalachian mountain coal fields to the South Atlantic seaboard, a matter in which the Star has been trying—it seems without success—to interest the business men of Wilmington. Everybody else but the business men of this city consider this new line of railroad a very important matter. But our people take no more interest in it, apparently, than if it were a line connecting two points in the most remote parts of the world. They are going to let this important line of railroad pass within a few miles of their city and be extended on to wharves and warehouses at a competing point. They are doing nothing to turn traffic this way. They are going, by their apathy, to allow a competitor, not heretofore really regarded as such, to secure all the benefits of this new enterprise. We do not understand why our people are so indifferent in this matter, which every other city interested considers of such great importance. Ours is the only city in the two Carolinas likely to be affected by the opening of the Clinchfield railroad, which has not shown interest in this new development; which has not striven to secure the chief advantage. While other cities have been vying with each other, Wilmington, which has natural advantages superior to all the others in this respect, stands by unconcerned and lets the opportunity pass by of making her port the most important one on the South Atlantic coast.

Of this line of railroad the Manufacturers' Record says, showing of what great importance to the country and especially to the South Atlantic Seaboard it considers it:

"The building of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, in honor of which Spartanburg gave a great banquet last month, is one of the most remarkable railroad enterprises of the day. Its completion will fulfill the struggles of South Carolina when its great statesman, Hayne, and others nearly three-quarters of a century ago sought to construct such a road. They saw its importance as a freight and passenger carrier, but they saw even more. They realized that such a connecting link would unite the West and the South into closer business relations, and that out of this would come a broader national development which they believed would prevent the impending war. They, indeed, saw with prophetic vision that 'the development of the South would mean the enrichment of the Nation.' But the leaders in this great plan were diverted from their task by the pressure of the politics of the middle of the 19th century, and thus one of the most magnificent schemes of the greatest leaders of the old South went down. Other men—great leaders in finance—have taken up the work, and though their motives may be the selfishness of desire for gain, they are building a line which will prove immensely valuable to the South and the West alike."

A New York dispatch to the Philadelphia Record says that National Democratic Chairman Mack's declaration that campaign headquarters would be kept open and the campaign kept up during the next four years will have to be greatly modified. We hope such is the case, for we do not see how the people could stand a four years' presidential campaign.

It looks like there will be determined effort to induce the next Legislature to make the number of counties in our State a round hundred. If the people interested want the new counties and are willing to stand the extra taxes we do not see why they should not be allowed the luxury of paying them.

If the Southern Democrats should make friends with Taft how can they in their future State convention platform "view with alarm" the conduct of the Republican National administration? The "mugwump Democrats" and "new-born Southerners" should take this matter into consideration.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—It was a fine and discriminating tribute the women paid to Editor Abbott and his associate, Mr. Roosevelt. When they heard both of these strenuous men declare there was nothing in the movement for woman-suffrage, they at once began to realize that there certainly must be. Many, it is reported, began to look into it, and are enlisting in the cause.—Columbia State.

—This is unquestionably the time for the friends of water transportation and the advocates of a general policy of improving all natural water routes to impress upon Congress the pressing importance of their projects. No country in the world has a greater network of natural waterways than the United States, and no people do less to improve and utilize these advantages than we do. In European countries not only are the rivers and streams improved and utilized to an extent which the average American scarcely realizes, but all manner of artificial waterways, such as canals, are resorted to. The amount of traffic that is water-borne in this way is

enormous.—New Orleans Picayune.

—What has been asked of Congress is not simply an investigation of this political twist that was given to the matter last fall, but an investigation of the whole question of how the Panama canal stock was acquired by this government, from whom, and at what figure. In other words, did any American citizen share to any extent in the forty millions of dollars paid by the American government for the property and rights of the Panama Canal Company? All things considered, the subject is worth while, and the charges should be officially established, or officially dismissed. They are true, or they are false, and if false too severe condemnation could not be visited upon those responsible for them.—Washington Star.

—It is unfortunate that Mr. Roosevelt, in his published manifesto, should have slurred such exposition for villification and abuse. It is hardly less unfortunate that he should have made any slips in his statement of facts, however trifling. No one believes that he has been a party to any colossal schemes to defraud the United States Government. Public interest in the canal purchase is no affront to him; nor is it pursued with any desire to injure or humiliate him. This inquiry is proper, healthy, and should be encouraged. If the mystery enveloping the transfer of this property seems rather to thicken than to dissipate, Mr. Roosevelt should be the first to welcome a Congressional committee pledged to clear all uncertainties away.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

—Stored in the magazines of old anecdotes are a few so apt and comprehensive that incidents which they cover frequently justify their repetition. Mr. Roosevelt's excuse for dragging the name of the editor of the New York World into the Foulke correspondence does not appear in the record. This well known story was told a few years ago in Congress by Champ Clark: "There was once a tenderfoot who struck the grizzly region, looking for bear. He was all gotten up in the finest hunting garb and his weapons were the newest that could be obtained. He had come to show the West how to kill grizzlies. He went forth one morning and never came back; and over his remains they raised a stone which bore the epitaph: 'He whistled for the grizzly, and the grizzly came.'"

—The Southern society which "enjoyed and applauded" Mr. Taft's references to their section at the Carolina banquet in New York on Monday night must have been vinously obscured by the time their distinguished guest made the closing speech. For how any sober man could have construed his remarks otherwise than patronizingly and Pecksniffianly offensive surpasses our comprehension. The staple of Mr. Taft's appeal to the South is the assumption that Southerners are afflicted with a lack of political intelligence and that this dearth is intensified by a want of political principle. Even were these judgments true they should not make agreeable hearing to sons of the South. That they are false emphasizes the impertinence of Mr. Taft in daring to apply to a great people the two by three rule of his own narrow and prejudiced vision.—Virginian-Pilot.

—That tuberculosis is largely an economic disease is now a generally accepted fact. That it has its root in the misfortunes of the people and that its perpetuation is to a great extent due to conditions which could and ought to be remedied is no longer a question for dispute. Whether bovine tuberculosis can be transmitted to human beings is, under present conditions, very important, yet were it not for imperfect economic conditions and the general lack of knowledge on the subject of the disease, tuberculosis could undoubtedly be to a great extent at least, stamped out. But while there has been such general recognition of the ability of an intelligent public largely to control the disease, there is something startling in the statement made by Dr. Woods Hutchinson at the Museum of Natural History, that with the expenditure of a few millions of dollars it would be possible entirely to eradicate tuberculosis from the community.—New York Tribune.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Don't you admire the old-time melodies?" "No; I'm a fresh-air fiend."—Dramatic Telegram.

—Lodger—Here's a nice breakfast to ask a friend to. Did you lay the table, Mary? Mary—Yes, sir. All but the eggs, sir.—London Graphic.

—Fastboy—Really, dear, you shouldn't wait supper for me this way when I'm detained at the office. Mrs. Fastboy—Supper, you idiot! The maid just laid the table for breakfast.—Puck

—"I wish to purchase a hat for myself," she whispered softly. "Merry Widow?" asked the cheery salesman? "No, doleful wife," was the pathetic rejoinder.—Brooklyn Life.

—"Nearly all the trouble in the world comes through money," observed the moralizer. "Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "yet people will borrow trouble."—Chicago Daily News.

—"He don't give nuthin' to the church now?" "No. Somebody told him the Bible says salvation is 'free' and he says for be it from him to dispute the Scriptures!"—Atlanta Constitution.

—"Mr. Chairman," began the man who is unaccustomed to public speaking, "er—er—er—er—" "Well," interrupted the Chairman, kindly, "to err is human."—Louisville Courier.

Journal.

—Mother (indignantly)—You naughty boy! Stop pulling that poor cat's tail. Little innocent—I'm not pulling it. I'm only holding it. The cat is doing the pulling herself.—St. Louis Republic.

—"Calling names don't make any real difference," said the conservative campaigner. "No," answered the scientist. "If it did those Latin titles we have bestowed on germs would have discovered them long ago."—Washington Star.

—"The June bride frowned. 'These tomatoes,' she said, 'are just twice as dear as those across the street. Why is it?' 'Ah, ma'am, these—and the grocer smiled—'these are hand-picked.' She blushed. 'Of course,' she said hastily, 'I might have known. Give me a bushel, please.'—Harper's Weekly.

THE HEADSMAN.

He Used the Sword and Not the Ax Prior to 1483.

I am inclined to think that prior to 1483 the sword and not the ax was usually employed as the weapon for judicial decapitation and that a block was dispensed with, the victims receiving their doom "meekly kneeling upon their knees," and in this opinion I am fortified by the concurrence of an eminent clerical historian. This learned writer agreed with me that the ax did not become the "regulation" lethal implement until after the rough and ready "heading" of Lord Hastings on the Tower green, when he was summarily dispatched by order of the protector, Gloucester.

In this instance, according to the chroniclers, the victim's neck was stretched upon a piece of timber then in use for the repair of the adjacent church of St. Peter ad Vincula, probably a "putlog," part of the scaffolding which, we read, "conveniently lay in the way." Contemporary accounts seem to indicate that the executioner straddled over the prone body, and from this position I infer that the decapitation was effected by the tool known as an adz, the cutting edge of which is at a right angle to and not in a plane with the haft.

I may add that the only contemporary reference I have come across of the use or proposed use of an ax and block for inflicting capital punishment prior to this tragedy is in one of the Paston series of letters describing the peril of an unfortunate captive of Jack Cade's rebels (A. D. 1450), a generation before Lord Hastings was so clumsily hacked to death.—London Notes and Queries.

The Hair.

A single hair, which can support a weight of two ounces, is so elastic that it may be stretched to one-third of its entire length and then regain its former size and condition. Dr. Pincus has measured the growth of hair by cutting off circles about one inch in diameter from the heads of healthy men and so comparing the growth of the patches with that of the rest of the hair. He found that the growth rate generally became slower after cutting; that in some cases the hair on the patches grew at the same rate as the rest, but that it never grew any faster. The ordinary length of the hair on the head ranges between twenty-two inches and about forty-five inches, the latter being considered unusually long.—London Standard.

Beetles.

The Rev. Theodore Wood, a well known English authority on beetles, makes an interesting observation on a little beetle found frequently in the flowers of the primrose, but nowhere else, which is quite a mystery. It is small, brown and fat, and Mr. Wood remarks of it: "How its life is lived nobody knows. Where its eggs are laid, what the grubs feed upon, where the chrysalis be hidden, nobody knows. Nobody knows even why the perfect beetle gets into the primrose blossom."

An Easy Way.

"In order to succeed in life," said the experienced person, "you must not be afraid to make enemies."

"Then," answered the tractable youth, "you would probably advise me to put in some time as a baseball umpire."—Washington Star.

When the Adamases Move.

Mrs. K., while telling her children about Adam and Eve and the beauties of the garden of Eden, was interrupted by one of the tiny tots saying, "Oh, mamma, when those Adamases move away let us get that place to live in."—Delineator.

To Hold Him.

Nan—That's a beautiful solitaire Dick gave you. I wonder if you know what a fickle young man he is? Fan—Indeed I do! That's why I made him give me such an expensive one.—Chicago Tribune.

A Sad Break.

"Our credit man made a bad break yesterday."

"What was it?"

"He told a dumb man that his word was as good as his bond."—Detroit Free Press.

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Perhaps the nearest approach to looting the vaults of the treasury was the time Martin Broadfoot had his plans about perfected. This was back in the eighties, and the plan was to get into the building by means of the great sewer which runs under and near the treasury and is known as the Fifteenth street sewer and which grows larger as it enters the Potomac about three-quarters of a mile from the White House.

Broadfoot's plan, as developed after his arrest, was to get into the building, crack the safes and place the money in large rubber bags and float them down the sewer to the Potomac, where his pals would be in waiting. These bags were found in his room when he was arrested, and secret service men had often seen him walking along the shores of the Potomac near where the big sewer empties. This sewer is about nine feet in diameter where it passes the treasury. A man could easily make his way up the sewer through a stream of water which under normal conditions is only about twelve inches deep. By entering the tunnel or sewer at the river the journey to the treasury could be made by keeping a sharp lookout. When the man or men in the sewer reached the Fifteenth street sewer nothing would separate them from the gold coin and bullion except about eighteen feet of earth and not too secure stone wall.

It was Broadfoot's scheme to dig his way through this obstruction and to let the earth float or wash down the sewer. It would not have taken one man more than two weeks, working only at night, to have made an opening large enough for a man to crawl through. Of course Broadfoot knew the exact location of the vaults, and when he once reached them he would have had no trouble in getting the gold coin and bullion. It was evidently his purpose to fill the rubber bags with the precious stuff and float them down the sewer to the river, where they would be looked after by his confederates. This was the only really well laid plot ever made to loot the treasury, and just why Broadfoot was never given a trial has never been known to the public. He was an intelligent man, and suspicion was first aroused against him by his frequent visits to the money rooms and vaults and by the questions he asked watchmen and messengers as to the hours of duty, when the time locks closed and what time they opened, and all such questions. That he could have successfully carried out his plans so far as getting into the building and the vaults are concerned there is no question, for men have been in the sewer and conduits who say that it would have been easy work. The most difficult part of the job would have been in getting away with the money and bullion, for it would have required hard work to secure it and get away. About the only chance would have been to bury it somewhere in Virginia, for if it had been placed on boats it would have been easy to recover it.

It is the opinion of the secret service men that many celebrated cracksmen have from time to time contemplated the conversion of a few million treasury notes to their own use, but after careful study they have decided that the undertaking was too colossal in character. Secretary Folger when he assumed his duties was not slow in deciding that the treasury was not properly and safely guarded. There was not an electric alarm in the building, the watchmen were isolated and had no facilities for calling help, and the safes were of the old time lock and key sort, scattered almost all over the big building. The secretary went to work to bring about a proper condition of affairs. He had the watch system completely changed and reorganized, putting them under the strictest discipline. Elaborate and extensive alarm systems were installed. The old safes were replaced by modern steel affairs with time locks and intricate combinations. The gold and silver vaults were fitted with steel casings and time locks, different parts of the combinations being distributed among various officials, so that the vaults could be opened only with the concerted action of all of them, and then only at the stroke of the hour for which the time locks had been set. But without a perfect system of watchmen to guard the safes the treasury could be easily robbed, for the most perfect safe ever made is not proof against the professionals.

The watch force of the treasury is perfectly organized, and the least infraction of rules means a layoff or discharge. The men seem to realize the heavy responsibilities resting upon them, and they are careful almost to a fault. The watch is divided into three reliefs, the tour of duty lasting for eight hours. However, the watch does not anticipate an attack by robbers, but they are prepared for any emergency, and they will not be caught napping should one ever be made either at night or by day. Each watchman is a regular walking arsenal, and the instructions are to shoot, and shoot to kill.—Los Angeles Times.

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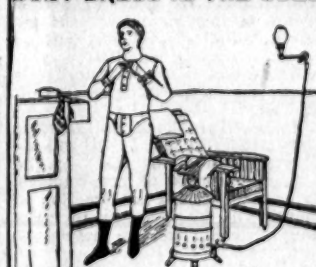
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We received today a beautiful selection of children's hats, which we now have on sale at almost half price. We are showing a splendid assortment of Ladies' Satin Hats that have been marked-down.

Ladies' Coat Suits reduced. We want the room for our Spring assortment of dresses. A wonderful reduction in Ladies' Cloaks: \$7.50 Cloaks will be sold for \$5.00; \$10.00 Cloaks for \$7.00; \$15.00 Cloaks for \$11.00, and \$20.00 Cloaks for \$15.00.

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Wednesday, December 16, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1908.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 16:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 36 degrees;
2 P. M. 52 degrees; maximum 65 de-
grees; minimum 36 degrees; mean 50
degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; for the
month, 1.46 inches.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river
at Fayetteville Tuesday at 8 A. M. —
feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair
Wednesday and Thursday; variable
winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 16.

Sun Rises.....7:04 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:47 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 1:37 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 4:00 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Vaudeville.
W. B. Cooper—Holiday Goods.
City Livery Co.—Pony Saddles.
American National Bank—Did You
See?
C. H. Fore & Co.—Christmas Offer-
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Wilmington Furniture Co.—Change
in Business.

Business Locals.

E. M. P. Odham—Notice.
Frank Herbst—\$50 Reward.
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Wilmington Stamp Works—Printer
Wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Hon. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton,
was among the attorneys in the city
yesterday for the Federal Court.
—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of the
Lumberton Robesonian, was in the
city yesterday, a guest at The Orton.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stephens, of
Fairmont, N. C., were guests at The
Orton yesterday.
—Mr. J. A. Dew, of Currie, was a
visitor to the city yesterday on a
short business trip.
—Mr. N. Ottoway, of El Paso,
Brunswick county, was in the city
yesterday.
—Messrs. F. A. Harrington, of
Clarkton; Thomas L. Johnson, of
Lumberton; J. B. Miller and S. A.
Smith, of Bolton, were registered at
The Orton yesterday.

SOLDIER IN TROUBLE.

John Dew, of Fort Caswell, awaits
trial on serious charges.
Warrants charging an assault with
a deadly weapon, in which violence
was attempted with a pistol, and for
carrying a concealed weapon, against
John Dew, a soldier from Fort Cas-
well, are pending preliminary in-
vestigation in the police court today
and the accused remains in the guard
house in default of bond. The charges
followed his arrest by Officer Ap-
pleberry in a disreputable section of
the city on Monday, on the charge of
disorderly conduct and the other war-
rants were issued against him on in-
formation and belief. In connection
with the more serious charges, it is
stated, that Dew pulled his pistol in
an alleged disorderly house on 11th,
between Chesnut and Princess streets,
and was in the act of firing promiscu-
ously when other parties interfered
and got it away from him.
The pistol was found by the police.
He was tried before the Mayor yester-
day on the disorderly conduct
charge and was fined \$5 and the costs.

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Wednesday evening, the thirtieth of
December, nineteen hundred and
eight, at half after eight o'clock.
Grace Methodist Church
Wilmington, North Carolina.
The bride-elect is much admired in
Wilmington and the prospective
groom is a prominent young business
man, a member of the firm of Murphy
Brothers, wholesale and retail mer-
chants of Greensboro, and a brother
of Dr. J. G. Murphy, of this city. The
wedding will be of much interest to
the friends of both.

Marriage at Hallsville.

A pretty wedding was solemnized
at Hallsville yesterday at noon, the
contracting parties being Miss Kate
Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
S. O. Middleton and Mr. W. D. Wells,
of Wallace, two popular young people.
The marriage was attended by a num-
ber of relatives and friends and the of-
ficiating minister was Rev. W. P. M.
Currie, assisted by Rev. L. E. Wells.
Immediately following the nuptial
event the couple came to Wilmington
and leave this morning for a bridal
tour to Jacksonville, Fla., and other
Southern cities, returning from which
they will be at home at Wallace, where
the groom is engaged in business.

Owls Forward Their Check.

Mr. Meares Harless, treasurer of
the Brotherhood of St. James, has re-
ceived from the Order of Owls a very
substantial check as its portion of the
net proceeds of the second week of
the late carnival. The fund will be
used in the charitable work undertaken
in the city by the Brotherhood and
is received with many thanks by that
organization.

LOCAL DOTS.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist,
Market and 17th streets: Services this
evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are in-
vited.
—The holiday german of L'Agile
Cotillon Club will be given on the
night of December 31st, in the Ma-
sonic Temple ball room.
—Friends in Wilmington will be
pleased to learn that Mr. S. H. Fish-
plate, who has been quite ill at his
home in Kinston, was able to be out
this week.
—A deed was filed yesterday con-
veying from American Suburban Cor-
poration to S. P. McNair, for \$1,100,
lots 3 to 6, inclusive, in block No. 31,
Carolina Place.
—On account of the lack of a quor-
um there was no meeting of the Board
of Audit and Finance last night, only
Mr. Jesse Wilder and Captain T. D.
Meares, the clerk, being in attendance.
It is likely that a special meeting will
be held later in the week to pass upon
any action taken by the Aldermen this
evening in regard to the waterworks
question.
—James Walker, a well known col-
ored brick mason and contractor, died
yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his
home, Sixth, between Harnett and
Swann streets. He was generally re-
garded faithful and conscientious in
the discharge of every duty and en-
joyed the respect and esteem of all
who knew him. The funeral will be
conducted at 3:30 o'clock this after-
noon and the interment will be in Pine
Forest cemetery.

GUILFORD BATTLEGROUND

Special Edition of Journal Containing
Photographs of Interest.
The Star is requested to publish
the following in regard to illustrations of
the Guilford Battle Ground, near
Greensboro:

"The art edition of the Journal con-
tains sixteen handsome photographs of
monuments from Guilford Battle
Ground. This Journal of American
History published in New Haven, Con-
necticut, is a first class periodical
whose press work is unsurpassed in
finish and beauty. The editor accom-
panies these with an article that will
please and benefit North Carolina and
the South.

"If you readers want these pictures
on your center table you cannot get
them as cheaply nor in better shape
than by sending fifty cents to the
Journal for its October number.

"Yours truly,
"JOS. M. MOREHEAD."

December 14th, 1908.

\$50 REWARD OFFERED.

Mr. Frank Herbst Offers That Amount
For Miscreants on Roads.

Mr. Frank Herbst, the well known
Maxwell dealer representing the auto-
mobile interests of the city, offers in
this morning's paper a reward of \$50
for the conviction of any party or
parties found guilty of wilfully break-
ing bottles or placing other obstruc-
tions on the public roads of the county
for the purpose of injuring automo-
biles or other vehicles. There is a
very stringent State law against the
wicked practice and it is hoped the
reward offered by Mr. Herbst will re-
sult in bringing some of the miscre-
ants to justice.

County Convict Contract.

Mr. J. M. Woolard, who was one of
the bidders for the care and feeding
of the county convicts at the recent
session of the Board of County Com-
missioners, calls the attention of the
Star to a seeming misconstruction
that may have been placed on his pro-
posal as it appeared in the published
reports. He says that his proposal
was to give the prisoners beef and
vegetables "not less than once a
week" instead of only once a week as
the misconstruction may have been
put upon the reports of the proceed-
ings.

Case of Disorderly House.

Mrs. Barbara Dunn, the elderly
white woman charged with conducting
a disorderly house on Walnut street,
has been paroled in custody of the
Salvation Army and not dismissed as
was stated in yesterday's paper. The
trial of the woman was set for yester-
day noon in the police court, but
the witnesses failed to appear and a
subpoena was issued for their appear-
ance today at noon.

To Wed at Tomahawk, N. C.

Mrs. Marianna Murphy has issued
pretty engraved invitations to the
approaching marriage of her daugh-
ter, Miss Florence Alderman and Mr.
Lee Simpson on Wednesday, Dec.
30th, at noon, Tomahawk, N. C. Both
young people are very popular and
there is much interest in the an-
nouncement of their approaching mar-
riage.

TEST ANTI-RACING LAW.

New Orleans Jockey Club Opens Meet
Today For That Purpose.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New Orleans, Dec. 15.—To make a
test of the Locke anti-racing law the
New Orleans Jockey Club will open a
horse race meet at the city park to-
morrow. It is said that old style
book-making will be started.
Police officials made plans tonight
to enforce the Locke law which pro-
hibits book-making and it is said that
the turf men may discontinue the races
after tomorrow but will carry the
case into the courts. The outcome of
this case will determine whether rac-
ing is to be resumed on the old time
scale or discontinued altogether.

MRS. MARTIN FOUND GUILTY.

Charged With Conspiracy in Dynamit-
ing Residence of Judge Ogden.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Isa-
bella J. Martin, charged with conspir-
acy in dynamiting the residence of
Judge F. B. Ogden on March 19, 1907,
was found guilty today. The case
was on trial for several months. Judge
Walls deferred sentence until
Saturday. The maximum penalty is
life imprisonment.

The motive for the crime was re-
venge on Judge Ogden for an adverse
decision in a suit to recover money
from an insurance company for house-
wife Mrs. Martin is said to have fired.

The Theatre

A big show and big audiences were
again the order of the day yesterday
at the Crystal Palace. Each audi-
ence enjoyed itself greatly, and espe-
cially gleeful were the children who
are being given an especial treat in
the appearance of Miss Barker, a
dainty little miss of six years who is
a member of the troupe of Sid Bar-
ker & Co. This troupe appears in
some startling acrobatic work and in
which the little miss participates in
clever manner. She is already a big
favorite. The Musical Smiths are
presenting a most delightful act, as
they combine clever playing with
some snappy and rattling good com-
edy. Many unique musical instruments
are introduced and the stage setting
is pretty. Slater Brockmon, the well
known character comedian, is also on
the bill and is greatly pleasing with
an act in which he introduced songs
and dancing and does some lightning
changes, making almost instant
changes from one character to an-
other, costume included, in full sight
of the audience.

Interest has taken a bound upward
in the turkey contest, which will come
to a happy climax Friday night. Then
three turkeys will be given away—
two to people in the theatre at the
time and the other to some one who
may or may not be in the theatre.
This gives every person who attends
any performance this week a chance
to be lucky.

Week of Popular Prices.

The Academy of Music will next
offer popular prices, and the attrac-
tion will be the well known Demorest
Stock Company, which has this sea-
son been pronounced a splendid one.
The company will open its engage-
ment next Monday night, when the
usual compliment will be extended
the ladies, and a New York success
will be selected as the inaugural bill.
Clever specialties will be introduced
between acts and indications point to
a highly successful popular price en-
gagement. Seats for Monday night
will go on sale at Plummer's Saturday
morning.

"Leah, the Forsaken."

The Bijou will offer today a beau-
tiful story of Biblical times, "Leah,
the Forsaken," a beautiful Jewess and
a romance of the church and State.
The pictures are by the Vitagraph
Company of America and are exceed-
ingly pretty and effective on the
screen. It is a story of unrequited
love, ending in a tragedy that is con-
vincing and wholesome in the lesson
which it teaches. The Bijou offers
more than half an hour's entertain-
ment of the purest and best for five
cents and those who have not yet
"the habit" do not realize how much
they are missing.

DISAGREES WITH STEEL KING.

Schwab Gave Ways and Means Com-
mittee Valuable Testimony.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—Disagreeing
with the published views of Andrew
Carnegie, with regard to the steel
schedule of the tariff, Charles M.
Schwab, former president of the United
States Steel Corporation, gave val-
uable testimony before the House
Ways and Means committee at the
tariff hearing today. While he prac-
tically admitted that the conditions
which existed nine years ago would
have permitted a reduction in the
steel schedule at that time, he said
that the cost of every item entering
into the manufacture of steel rails had
increased to such an extent that the
present conditions must be changed
to permit of tariff reduction.

"In five years there will not be a
Bessemer Steel converting works left
in the United States."

Mr. Schwab predicted the same is
true of structural steel as well as
rails. They will all be made by the
open hearth process of manufacture.
Costly changes in the construction of
the plants will be necessary to make
the improvements in the method of
manufacture.
Mr. Schwab also declared that with-
in ten years the "open hearth" pro-
cess would be superseded by the elec-
tric system of manufacture, which
was being developed in Germany.
"These changes in the process of
manufacture increase the quality of
the steel," he continued, "but they
also slightly increase the cost of pro-
duction."

Mr. Schwab said he was not in fa-
vor of any change in the tariff of steel
and steel products. "A moderate
change would not make a material
difference," he said, "but a radical
change might do considerable harm."
He argued that the tariff could be tak-
en off iron ore without affecting the
value of the mesaba ore of this coun-
try.

ARCHBOLD ON STAND AGAIN.

Hearing of Government Suit to Dis-
solve Oil Trust Continues.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 15.—Vice President
John D. Archbold, the active head of
the Standard Oil Company, again
was a witness in the Government suit
for the dissolution of that corporation
when the hearing was resumed today
before Referee Ferrie here.

Mr. Archbold said in reply to a
question that although since 1878 the
Standard Oil has owned stock in the
Waters-Pierce Co., A. P. Pierce or his
immediates have always managed the
Waters-Pierce Company's affairs.
Mr. Rosenthal for the Standard in-
formed the Federal lawyer that Mr.
Archbold had as requested, made a
search for the books showing the
transfers of stock interests of the
companies interested in the trust
agreement of 1889 and that such re-
cords as had been found were at the
disposal of the Government.

These records showed that H. H.
Rogers made his entry into the Stan-
dard Oil Company through the firm
of C. M. Pratt & Company and that
Oliver H. Payne was introduced into
inner circles of Standard Oil in 1870
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WARM WIRELETS.

The body of Chief of Police Biggy,
of San Francisco, who was drowned
from the police launch "Patrol" op-
posite Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco
Bay, on the night of November 30th,
was found yesterday morning.

John Kitchens and his son, Monroe,
farmers living at Wrens, Ga., 30 miles
from Augusta, engaged in a shotgun
duel yesterday, the son killing the
father. Both men, it is said, were
drinking and no other cause for the
quarrel and patricide is given.

Close to 100 surgeons attended the
opening session of the 21st annual
meeting of the Southern Surgical and
Gynecological Association which be-
gan at St. Louis yesterday. Among
the speakers were Doctors Lewis C.
Morris, Birmingham, and William
Goldsmith, Atlanta.

John W. Castles, who Monday re-
signed as president of the Guaranty
Trust Company, yesterday was chosen
president of the Union Trust Com-
pany. His selection put an end to
persistent reports that Secretary of
the Treasury Cortelyou might resign
his Cabinet position to become presi-
dent of the Union Trust Company.

Under authority of recent Rivers
and Harbors Congress Representative
Ransdell, of Louisiana, announced
the appointment of a committee to
prepare measures to be introduced in
Congress, providing for an issue of
\$500,000,000 bonds for financing the
National waterway projects and to
create a commission to study water-
ways here and abroad.

Dr. Israel, of Berlin, made a physi-
cian examination of President Castro
last afternoon. This occupied an hour
and it is understood that no decision
was reached as to whether or not an
operation would be necessary. Prob-
ably a week will elapse before this is
decided.

The Dorando-Longboat Marathon
race started at Madison Square Gar-
den at 9:11 o'clock last night. Long-
boat won the toss and took the pole
position. Dorando jumped into the
lead and set a steady pace with the
Indian a few feet back. Both were
running easily but at a good clip. The
first mile was made in 5:14 1-5, Dor-
ando leading by two yards.

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POSTOFFICE ROBBERS

Band of Four Rounded Up at Tazewell, Virginia.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 15.—Four alleged postoffice robbers were arrested last night at Tazewell, Va., and are in jail there. Postoffice inspectors say one of the men is J. R. Canning known as "Shorty." Another is Thomas Wyman, known as "Reddy" and the others are Francis Dorn and Sam Fields.
It is believed the gang have recently blown many postoffices and store safes in Southwest Virginia. They were located by a postoffice department "stool," a former member of a gang of robbers known as "Blackey."

RAILROAD OFFICIALS MEET

Conference to Agree Upon Compromise Plan Regarding 2-Cent Rate (By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—Representatives of all the leading railway lines operating in Virginia held a conference here today ostensibly to agree upon some compromise plan regarding the two-cent passenger rate litigation in view of the recent opinion by the United States Supreme Court.
No concluded action was taken, President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, saying that another session would be held tomorrow, after which a statement will probably be given to the press.

BIG DEAL IN VIRGINIA

Glarmorgan Pipe and Foundry Company Sells Interest.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 15.—The controlling interest in the Glarmorgan Pipe and Foundry Company's plant here was sold today by M. J. Drummond and A. J. McClure of New York to a local syndicate, the former owners retaining a minority into the plant. Several hundred thousand dollars figure in the deal, the amount not being made public. The plant employs about five hundred men who will not be disturbed.

WARM WIRELETS.

Billy Papke and Hugo Kelly fought 25 hand and fast rounds to a draw last night before Jim Jeffries Vernon Club, of Los Angeles, Ca.

Seven members of the crew of the French warship *Amiral Aube*, who started for St. Pierre, Miquelon, Monday night are missing and it is thought all were drowned.

Between 1,800 and 2,000 Union miners on Paint Creek, Kanawha county, W. Va., will quit work today in obedience to the strike order by President Ben Davis, of District 17, United Mine Workers.

The feature of the city election in Boston, Mass., yesterday in which but approximately 70 per cent. of the registered voters was cast, was the reduced majority by which the city went for McEuse.

Virginia Republicans, headed by Representative C. Bascum Slomp asked President-elect Taft to consider Alvin H. Martin of that State, for a Cabinet position, as a representative of the South.

A petition in bankruptcy against Patrick J. Kieran, the missing president of the Fidelity Funding Company, was filed in the Federal Court in New York yesterday. The petition is based on three claims aggregating about \$3,500,000.

At Jackson, Miss., Dr. Thomas Birdsong, slayer of Dr. A. B. Pitts, a prominent physician of Hazelhurst, has entered a plea of guilty, in accordance with an agreement between counsel and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

The committee appointed by Governor Hughes in New York to inquire into conditions in Wall street and to report to him what laws, if any, in the opinion of the committee, are necessary to further regulate the conditions of trading in the securities markets, will begin its task almost immediately.

W. W. Kavanaugh, of Little Rock, Ark., was today elected to succeed himself as president, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs at the regular fall meeting of the association at Nashville, Tenn. The association's spring meeting will be held in Mobile at the call of this president.

The London Bachelor.

The married man lives scientifically. He never pays a bill twice or thrice over because he has lost the receipt. The bachelor lives unscientifically. He is robbed right and left. He is the prey of every footpad that lurks behind counters.—London Sketch.

Ignorance.

Teacher—I am surprised that you should have such a bad lesson, George. I expected better things of you. Pupils—My pa says it is the unexpected that always happens. Funny a teacher didn't know that!—Boston Transcript.

Certainly Would.

City Man (to villagers)—Wouldn't it open your eyes to look across at that lot there and see one of our city skyscrapers covering it? Village Man—Waal, I guess I would, seedn't I've got twenty head o' cattle grazin' there.—Bohemian.

One cannot talk constantly without saying foolish things.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free.

Sanderson's...Strategy.

By CECILY ALLEN.

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"Well, of all the unpropitious and inconsiderate times to ask such a question!" cried Judith Brainard. "No one but you, Dick Sanderson, would have chosen it."

Her tones were almost wrathful, and Sanderson shifted his gaze from her mobile face to the top of his stick, which he twirled idly.
"The idea of asking me for the 'steenth time to marry you just as I was trying to decide whether to borrow a lemonade bowl and glasses from Mrs. Drake or from the Bennington girls!"

Judith pursued her troubled way, with romance pushed far into the background.
"I guess it had better be from Mrs. Drake, because she's right next door, though the Bennington bowl is much handsomer."

Dick Sanderson rose abruptly and towered above the girl of his heart.
"I think that it is all nonsense, and I wish that you'd let your career go to pot. As my wife you can sing for charity, you can run a church choir, you can teach the little daughters of the poor, you can!"

"And all on your money! If you really loved me all these years as you say you did why did you wait to tell me until—all our money was gone and I was poor as a church mouse?" demanded Judith, forgetting her more present vexations in the old grievance.

Dick turned suddenly grave.
"I wanted you to have your fling. I think every girl should. It's wrong to marry the first man who keeps you supplied in violets and things. You may find out that American Beauties and another man are preferable after you've been out a year or two. And I wanted my wife for keeps, not for a brief honeymoon. I wanted!"

Judith rose abruptly.
"I know it all by heart, and so I'm going over to see Mrs. Drake about the bowl and glasses."

"Really, from what I've heard of critics and writers and other bohemians, I should certainly advise a strong dash of rum in the bowl."

"His tone was light, but behind it lay conviction, and Judith flushed vividly."

"I might have expected you'd say something nasty. Of course all the big people in music and art are not branded 'drawing room,' but they do things. And, oh, Dick, I want to do something. I want to show the world that my education was not all veneer—that it is practical."

Dick's eyes softened as they always did at an appeal from Judith.

"May I come? I've never seen the lions of the musical menagerie, and I promise solemnly that I will not propose to you until it is all over."

"That sounds like my old Dick. You may come and see the menagerie and—well, I won't scold if you propose after it is all over."

Judith's world had gasped when she had fled the prosperous New England city after her father's death and established herself in New York as a teacher of music. It was all entirely unnecessary. There were relatives—and Dick Sanderson.

The relatives on the whole were relieved. Dick Sanderson spent most of his time in New York for the purpose, as he expressed it to himself, of counteracting the influences of studio life.

Judith and her mother had a cunning little apartment in an eminently respectable neighborhood, and Judith had a few very prompt pupils. And now she was giving the first of a series of evenings at home. She had met many clever men and women at other "at homes" the season before and had scattered her invitations broadcast.

"You'd better not come too early, Dick," she called after the persistent one as he went down the narrow hall. "I do love some 'homey' people to talk it over with on the finish."

"All right. I'll hold back as long as I can."

But when Mrs. Drake came in with the bowl and glasses the rooms were a mass of ferns and flowers—from Dick.

"How lovely!" she exclaimed. "Flowers do give a room such an air. It makes me feel worse than ever that we cannot come tonight. But every other Tuesday, have you not?"

Judith nodded her head absently. She was trying to decide between a plain or lace centerpiece under the bowl. And not for worlds would she admit that she was disappointed. Mr. Drake was the critic on a prominent paper, and she wanted to cultivate critics.

"So sorry," she murmured perfunctorily. "I hope Mr. Drake is not ill."

"No, but some out of town relatives are coming, and they are not the sort to understand our slipping away. But we'll surely come next time. I understand that Miss Morton, the new English violinist, is to receive with you?"

"Yes; we studied together in Paris."

At 8:30 they were all in line. Mrs. Brainard in pearly silk and real lace, Miss Morton oddly English as to costume, delightfully alive as to the pleasure of the evening, and Judith a dream in black net and violets, her eyes a-gleam with anticipation. Everything was typical of New England and most unbohemian, even the little white capped maid engaged for the occasion.

Nine o'clock, and the trio found it impossible to keep up conversation.

Not once had the doorbell rung. Ninthirty, and the odor of cut flowers was positively oppressive.

"Do you suppose that any one is coming," said Judith in a very faint voice, "at 9:45?"

And just then the electric bell buzzed joyfully. Enter upon the scene Dick Sanderson and at his heels Hal Darton, the critic of the Social Whirl.

"Thought I'd give the crush a chance to subside," exclaimed Dick as Judith came forward, and then at sight of her face his tongue failed him, and he reached forth his hand impulsively.

She gave it a trembling clasp, then went on to greet Darton.

No one could tell afterward just how it did happen, but Hal Darton certainly laughed first and at something Dick said.

"Oh, my dear Miss Brainard," he exclaimed between gales of laughter. "You don't know your New York yet! Nothing starts so early in the season. You are about a month too early—and, well, you've got to show 'em."

And no one knew just why, but Judith told him all her little successes and failures, and he proved such a sympathetic person that she finally wailed: "I would not mind at all, only that caustic Mr. Drake lives next door, and of course he'll know. It is so deathly quiet here!"

Hal Darton did not laugh this time. How often had he watched the struggle of other Judiths! But Dick Sanderson sprang to his feet, and remarked with decision: "This is where we make a noise like success. Judith, I'm going out into the hall and give that bell another ring. Mrs. Drake will hear that, and then we will rattle glasses, and Miss Morton will fiddle, and you will play the piano, and we will applaud—and—well, I know that Darton here will like your brand of lemonade."

The audacity of the plan swept all objections aside. Sometimes Sanderson rang the bell and sometimes Darton. The little maid ran up and down the hall, and the glasses clicked, and Miss Morton played, and Darton sang rollicking German student songs that none had ever dreamed he knew, and Mrs. Brainard laughed until the tears threatened to fall on her fine old lace.

And when it was all over and not another soul had put in appearance Darton carried Miss Morton off in a cab and Mrs. Brainard retired to lay away the dear old pearl silk gown. The little maid went downstairs to where her young man was waiting to take her home, and Judith and Dick stood alone in the flower banked room. Then upon the sudden quiet fell a sound of muffled tapping. Judith ran to the door. There was a whispered conversation, and very soon Dick saw her hand out something on a tray. She came back with eyes shining.

"It was Mrs. Drake. She said she heard us having such a good time, and though she and Mr. Drake did not dare leave their guests now that every one had gone she just simply had to beg some of the lemonade. She had heard those glasses clicking and the music through the wall."

Dick's eyes were dancing, but Judith's were dewy with a new and tender light.

"Oh, Dick, you are simply wonderful. She thinks it was a huge success—and—well, you know what I promised this afternoon. You can!"

Dick gripped her hands.

"Will you, Judith—will you, dear?"

"Yes, Dick, and we'll announce it at my next evening 'at home.'"

Plated Tin Spoons.

Here is one way of making spoons, the process described being used in the manufacture of one variety of tin plated spoons.

In its original form the material from which these spoons are made comes in long thin strips of steel rolled to a uniform thickness. The strips are twelve or fifteen feet in length and of a width sufficient for the length of the spoon to be made. These strips are fed into a cutting machine, which cuts off pieces, each of sufficient size for making a spoon, these being simply so many small, flat pieces of sheet steel.

Then these blanks are put through a grader, a machine with powerful rolls, which so works the metal as to make it thinner in those parts of the blank that are to form the bowl and the handle of the spoon and thicker in the middle of the length of the blank from which the shank of the spoon will be made, so that it will be the better able to bear the bending strain that will be put upon the spoon in use.

From the grader the blank goes into a drop press, which cuts it into the outline form of a spoon, though from this press it comes out still flat.

Then in another press the bowl of the spoon is formed, and then in still another the handle, and so at last you have the spoon in its complete spoon shape in steel, ready now to be plated by dipping it in molten tin.—New York Sun.

For Family Use.

"Harold," Mrs. Thomson began very thoughtfully, "I've been thinking a lot about you lately."

"Something nice?" questioned Mr. Thomson, with hopeful infection.

"Do you know," Mrs. Thomson went on, quite ignoring her husband's bid for flattery, "that since we have lived here in the country and you have gone back and forth to the city every day you have seen absolutely nothing of the children?"

"I don't see how that can be helped," replied Mr. Thomson. "When I leave in the morning they are not up, and when I come back in the evening they are in bed."

"Yes," assented Mrs. Thomson, "that is so, but you might at least send them a souvenir post card now and then."

Youth's Companion.

The William Cramp & Son Ship & Engine Company, of Philadelphia, has submitted the lowest bid for the construction of a steel collier for the Navy authorized by Congress May 13, 1908. The bid was for the construction in 20 months for \$775,000.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

THE BEST INVESTMENT on the market today—I have for sale a desirable 7-room house on North Third street, lot 33x165 in good location and suitable for a home. As an investment it will pay 12 per cent. Price only \$2,400, will take part cash. Apply at once to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. de 16-2t.

PRINTER WANTED—Apply to the Wilmington Stamp Works, 15 and 17 Princess street. de 16-3t.

NOTICE—Headquarters for fresh New River and Norfolk oysters, also choice fish of all kinds dressed and delivered on short notice. Phone 697, E. M. P. Odham, Front Street Market. de 16-1t.

HELP WANTED—An advertising solicitor, lady or gentleman, good programme proposition. Liberal pay. Also ladies and children to sell tickets. Call Opera Co., Phares Hotel, 10 o'clock A. M. de 16-1t.

\$50.00 REWARD—I will pay that amount to any one furnishing sufficient evidence to convict persons who place maliciously on the public highways any obstacles such as glass, nails, etc., to the detriment of horses and automobiles. Frank Herbst, Agent. de 16-1w.

HOTEL FOR SALE—At auction, on Thursday, December 17th 1908, I will expose for sale to the highest bidder that splendid 21-room brick hotel building, on corner of Main and Railroad streets, Laurinburg, N. C. Lot about 500x125. Sale on premises at 12 o'clock, noon. Address F. T. Bizzell, Laurinburg, N. C. de 16-1t.

EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER, accountant and traveling salesman desires interview with object of permanent position. Excellent references. Address "J. D. H." care of Star office. de 16-1t.

GOOD BARGAIN—Three mules and log wagon all in good order, for sale cheap to close out. Hall & Pearsall, Nutt and Brunswick streets. de 15-1w.

PONY FOR SALE—A beautiful small pony, gentle and city broke, worth \$150, quick sale \$100. Can be seen at stables of F. T. Mills & Son. de 15-2t.

A NEWSPAPER MAN of experience, a strong writer, wishes to lease a daily or weekly paper, with the ultimate view of purchase. Write "X" care of Star office. de 15-17-19.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach barber trade in few weeks, mailed free. Moker Barber College, Atlanta, Ga. de 13-3t.

A NEAT COTTAGE HOME—The nice home that you have wanted. Splendid location. Six room house, lot with 41 feet frontage. Just off car line, between Fifth and Sixth streets, on Ann street, No. 516. Come and see particulars. J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents, 124 Princess street. de 13-4t.

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25-tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. nov 25-tf.

LUMBER AT RAILTAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying Angola Lumber Co. aug 30-tf

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. de 11-4w.

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. de 4-tf.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6-tf.

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf.

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fr-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harries, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod.

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3-tf.

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest winter. Price one to four thousand \$1.50, four to nine thousand \$1.25, over nine thousand \$1 per thousand F. O. B. Megetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Megetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS—Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m.

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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J. L. Stern & Co. in Charge of Sale.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Rocky Mount Record: The many friends of Dr. W. H. Whitehead over the entire State will learn with regret that the condition of his health is so that it necessitates his giving up his practice for awhile.

—Rocky Mount Record: Today for the first time the city is without a quarantine and there is not a yellow flag up in the city. This is the first time in several weeks that the city has not had at least one case of diphtheria within its corporate limits.

—Newbern Sun: There are a number of boats at Taylor's wharf at the market dock loaded with oysters of all sizes and description. And three schooners are loaded with sweet potatoes. A total cargo of bivalves of about 500 bushels.

—Durham Sun: One of the heaviest fines of the court was imposed this morning when W. Mangum, Jr., was fined \$500 and costs on the charge of selling whiskey and made to give bond to appear from term to term to show that he had not violated the laws of the State.

—The Robesonian: During the month of November Jailer J. H. Floyd had an unusually large number of boarders. The bill of \$210.85 presented to the commissioners last week for keeping the jail for that month is said to be the largest bill ever presented for one month.

—Rocky Mount Record: A second robbery of an A. C. L. freight occurred near Bruce, on the Norfolk division, yesterday morning, and more shoes were among the objects confiscated. A merchandise car was robbed and several pairs of lace curtains and shoes were among the articles taken. There is no trace as to who the parties are who did the robbing.

—Salisbury Post, 14th: The preliminary hearing in the case of Reuben Barbee, charged with the assassination of Engineer Fred Holt, at Durham, which it was announced would be held today, has been set for Monday, December 21st. No further particulars have developed, or at least none have been given out. A majority of the Spencer delegation which went to Durham Saturday returned home this morning.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Many farmers in the piedmont section do not think peanuts can be successfully grown anywhere except in the eastern part of the State, but Mr. Sidney Weaver, of Arcadia township, Davidson county, has demonstrated to his neighbors that raising peanuts beats cotton. This year he had in two and one-half acres of peanuts and made 105 bushels, for which he received \$105. He had two acres in cotton and it brought him \$40.

—Wilson Times: The Baptists have made splendid gains in North Carolina during the past year. A report submitted to the State Convention shows that there are in the State 1,891 churches of the Missionary Baptists, a gain of 41 during the past year; 12,849 baptisms during the year; 210,154 members, a gain of about 8,000 in the year; 1,669 Sunday schools, with a membership of 147,150, a gain of about 8,000 in the year, with 11,198 officers and teachers.

—Concord Tribune: City Engineer Quint E. Smith today finished a survey of real estate of the Odell Manufacturing Company, recently purchased by the new syndicate that will take formal possession of the property tomorrow when the deeds will be delivered to the managers. The lands embrace an acreage of nearly 100 acres, property that without the buildings would bring the real estate up to the neighborhood of \$40,000 in valuation. The deeds will in all probability be turned over to the new owners at a meeting to be held at Durham tomorrow, when a permanent organization will be effected.

—Greensboro Record: The December criminal term of Guilford Court opened Monday morning promptly at 10 o'clock with Judge E. B. Jones on the bench. Judge Jones lost no time in getting down to business and in letting everybody know that he meant business. His charge to the grand jury ordered on the sensation 1 when he alluded to the published report of Mr. D. P. Stern, special attorney for the county board of education, which was recently made public. He said that he referred to this report on account of the fact that it had been made public and that "every intelligent citizen" in the State had read it. He added that if the charges contained in the report were true every judge and every officer who has violated the law should be indicted by the grand jury, and if the charges are not true then the report is unjust and uncalculated.

—Asheville Gazette-News: There is thus early cumulative evidence that when the municipal political pots start a-simmering in earnest next spring the contest will resolve itself into a strict drawing of party lines and that once again the two old parties will be arrayed against each other with no meddling or interference by a third aggregation that might or might not term itself a citizen's movement. Although the municipal contest is several months in the future there was some talk recently to the effect that the prohibitionists of Asheville—leastwise some of them—would form a political party of their own and contest with either the Democrats or the Republicans or both for control of the city government. In fact, it is said that there was a meeting some time ago of certain persons interested in such a movement and that a tentative slate was made. Later, it seems, certain prohibitionists who, it was expected would fall into line but who were not consulted—really they were ignored in the political council—bucked, kicked out of the traces, actually "rose up in arms" and declared that they would have none of such a movement.

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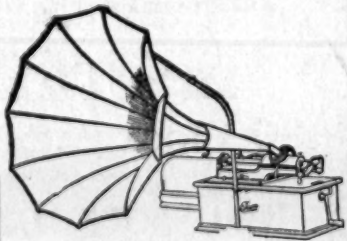
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REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

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Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NORTHBOUND	
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm
Ar. Norfolk	6:55 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am
Ar. New York	7:23 am

SOUTHBOUND	
Lv. New York	9:25 am
Ar. Philadelphia	11:27 am
Ar. Baltimore	12:13 pm
Ar. Washington	2:13 pm
Ar. Norfolk	3:45 pm
Ar. Richmond	7:25 pm
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:47 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6:15 am
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am

SOUTHBOUND	
Lv. Wil'tn	5:15 am
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm
Ar. Ch'stn	1:10 pm
Ar. Sa'n	6:20 pm
Ar. Jk'ville	7:15 am
Ar. Tampa	6:25 pm

NORTHBOUND	
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am
Lv. Savannah	1:05 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm
Lv. Florence	7:15 pm
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am

Westbound Eastbound	
Lv. Wilmington	11:40 am
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45, 11:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45, 11:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 37c.
ROSIN—Market, steady \$2.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.
TAR—Market, firm \$1.70.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm \$2.00 per barrel for hard; \$3.00 for dip and \$3.00 for virgin.
 Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 42 3/4; rosin nothing doing; tar steady \$1.40; crude turpentine firm \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 47
 Rosin 78
 Tar 114
 Crude Turpentine 46
 Receipts—Same day last year, 2 casks spirits turpentine; 84 barrels rosin; 284 barrels tar; 57 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 3/8 cents for mid-
 @. Same day last year—Steady, 11 3/8 cents.
 Receipts—2,100 bales, same day last year 2,657 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 15th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 60@65; extra prime 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1/2c per bushel for white; 92 1/2@95 for mixed.
N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c, shoulders 11 @ 12 1/2c; sides 12 1/2c.

EGGS—Firm at 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; grown, dull, 35c.

BEEF—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1/2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dull, 10; green, dull 6c per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1/2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 15c dressed. Good demand.

GEESSE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today, an early advance being lost with the close. Lately steady at a net decline of 7 to 7 points. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales. The market opened steady at an advance of 3 to 7 points in response to better cables than expected and on a continuation of yesterday's covering movement which was based on rumors that gaining during the period of December 1st to 13th would show a big falling off as compared with the previous period.

But there seemed to be no aggressive bull support, some recent buyers for a turn started realizing on the slight improvement and the market soon weakened, with prices becoming particularly unsettled late in the day following the report of a decline in Savannah market for spot cotton, making a new low record for the season at that point. The close was at the lowest point of the day.

The Southern spot markets officially reported before the close were generally unchanged with the exception of Savannah and private advices from the interior as to spot conditions were conflicting.

Receipts at the ports today were 101,992 bales, against 95,462 last week and 97,758 last year; for the week 380,000 bales, against 410,667 last week and 400,715 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 22,576 bales against 30,553 last year and at Houston 27,251 bales against 24,898 last year.

Spot cotton: quiet; middling uplands 9 1/10; middling gulf 9 3/10; sales 1,300 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Month	Open	Close
December	8.86	8.86
January	8.87	8.87
February	8.49	8.49
March	8.55	8.55
April	8.58	8.58
May	8.71	8.71
June	8.61	8.61
July	8.70	8.70
August	8.62	8.62
September	8.40	8.40
October	8.49	8.49

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Quiet, 8; net receipts 42,727; stock 304,893.

New Orleans—Dull, 8 11/16; net receipts 22,576; stock 313,753.

Mobile—Quiet and unchanged, 8 5/8; net receipts 4,394; stock 77,832.

Savannah—Steady, 8 1/4; net receipts 9,639; stock 165,754.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 5/16; net receipts 419; stock 28,782.

Wilmington—Steady, 8 3/8; net receipts 2,100; stock 13,797.

Norfolk—Quiet, 8 13/16; net receipts 5,742; stock 52,648.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7/8; net receipts 860; stock 30,184.

New York—Quiet, 9 1/10; net receipts 732; stock 118,727.

Boston—Quiet, 9 1/10; net receipts 207.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9 3/10; stock 5,917.

Pensacola—Net receipts 10,339.

Georgetown—Net receipts 117.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 101,992; Great Britain 2,808; France 10,300; Continent 31,823; stock 1,169,855.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 216,867; Great Britain 48,450; France 23,772; Continent 39,961; Japan 4,421.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,530,670; Great Britain 1,510,488; France 541,366; Con-

tinents 1,694,223; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,603.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 8 11/16; net receipts 27,251; stock 140,668.
 Augusta—Quiet, 8 7/8; net receipts 2,228; stock 101,023.
 Memphis—Steady, 8 7/8; net receipts 3,766; stock 173,553.
 St. Louis—Quiet, 9; net receipts 383; stock 35,830.
 Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,351; stock 18,809.
 Louisville—Firm, 9 1/8.
 Little Rock—Quiet, 8 3/8; net receipts 2,517; stock 42,984.
 Total today—Net receipts 37,596; stock 512,867.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton quiet; prices unchanged. American middling fair 5.23; good middling 5.03; middling 4.87; low middling 4.67; good ordinary 4.16; ordinary 3.76. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 5,200 American. Receipts 68,000 bales, including 62,300 American.

Futures opened firm and closed quiet. December 4.67 1/2; December and January 4.65 1/2; January and February 4.65; February and March 4.64; March and April 4.64; April and May 4.64; May and June 4.64 1/2; June and July 4.64 1/2; July and August 4.63 1/2; August and September 4.63 1/2; September and October 4.53 1/2; October and November 4.51; November and December 4.49 1/2; December and January 4.48 1/2; January and February 4.48.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The dry goods market is moving quietly on new sales. Shipments on old orders are large. The export markets showed steadiness with small sales. Cotton yarns are easier in this market. Linings are being shipped freely but trade for the moment is moderate. The jobbers are doing a lively but small filling in business for holiday requirements.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The money market showed the further effects today of the diminishing supply and the increasing demands. The sub-treasury's absorption from the banks of a little over a million dollars, although moderate by comparison, of the day before brought the cash loss on that account for the banking week up to \$16,399,000, which is but little less than the figure of the surplus reserves shown in the bank statement on Saturday.

Payments continue on account of subscriptions to the Panama Canal bonds. Preparations were in progress today for applications for the Brazilian coffee loan, of which a \$10,000,000 apportionment will be offered in New York tomorrow. These demands for banking facilities outside the stock market with the surplus down to the vanishing point have the effect of dislodging some loans employed in speculation holdings of stocks and in causing a shifting in other instances. The market was not without support at different stages, which made a drag on the decline and caused occasional rallies. The appointment of a commission by Governor Hughes to probe the methods and practices of speculative dealings was made of opportune use by the bear party although a substantial element of the stock exchange membership welcomes the work thus set on foot. There were some happenings which reinforced the bears in their attack, which laid large stress on the unsettling effect of tariff revision, especially of the steel schedules.

The considerable demand to cover shorts at the end of the day was testimony to the professional origin of much of the selling.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, were \$6,164,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales today were 978,900 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Money on call firm and higher 2 3/4 to 4 per cent. ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2. Time loans much stronger; sixty and ninety days 3 1/2 per cent, six months 3 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8480 to 4.8490 for sixty day bills and at 4.8690 for demand, commercial bills 4.84 1/2 to 4.84 3/4. Bar silver 48 3/4. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg. 103 1/4
 U. S. refunding 2s cou. 104
 U. S. 3s reg. 100 3/4
 U. S. 3s cou. 100 3/4
 U. S. 4s reg. 120 1/4
 U. S. 4s cou. 121
 Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s. 107 7/8
 Atlantic Coast Line 4s. 95 7/8
 Baltimore & Ohio 4s. 100 3/8
 L. & N. Unified 4s. 101 1/2
 Seaboard Air Line 4s. 102 1/2
 Southern Railway 5s. 108 1/8
 U. S. Steel 5s. 102 1/2

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper 81 1/8
 Amr. Car & Foundry 46 3/4
 Amr. Car & Foundry pfd. 107
 Amr. Cotton Oil Co. 42
 Amr. Locomotive 55 3/8
 Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd. 104 5/8
 Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd. 101 1/2
 Amr. Sugar Refining 131
 Amr. Tobacco pfd. 91
 Atchafson 97 3/8
 Atchafson pfd. 101 3/4
 Atlantic Coast Line 110
 Baltimore & Ohio 110
 Baltimore & Ohio pfd. 91 1/2
 Chesapeake & Ohio 56 5/8
 Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 148 3/8
 Colorado Southern 55
 Erie 34 1/8
 Erie 1st pfd. 48 5/8
 Erie 2nd pfd. 38 7/8
 Great Northern pfd. 144 3/4
 Kansas City Southern 37
 Ken. City Southern pfd. 66 3/4
 L. & N. 122

Norfolk & Western 84
 Northern Pacific 142
 Pennsylvania 129 3/4
 People's Gas 100 1/2
 Reading 139 5/8
 Rock Island Co. 23 1/2
 Rock Island Co. pfd. 59 1/4
 Southern Pacific 120 1/8
 Southern Pacific pfd. 122 3/4
 Southern Railway 24 3/4
 Southern Railway pfd. 58 1/4
 Standard Oil 700
 Union Pacific 181 7/8
 U. S. Steel 53 3/4
 U. S. Steel pfd. 111 5/8
 Va.-Car. Chemical 43 1/4
 Va.-Car. Chemical pfd. 113
 Western Union 68 1/8
 Westinghouse Electric Co. 87

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour quiet and barely steady.
 Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 1.06 3/8 to 1.07 7/8 elevator. Options closed net unchanged. Dec. 1.08 3/8; May 1.10 1/8; July 1.04 1/4.
 Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 66 elevator. Options partly 3-8c net higher. Dec. 68; May 68 3/4; July 68 3/4; Sep. 68 3/4.
 Oats—Spot steady; mixed 55 1/2.
 Lard—Barely steady.
 Pork and Rice—Steady.
 Tallow and Molasses—Firm.
 Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3.30 to 3.36.
 Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1/2 to 6 5/8; Santos No. 4, 7 7/8 to 8 1/8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1/4 to 12 1/2. Futures closed net unchanged to 10 points lower.
 Butter—Firm; creamery specials 32 to 32 1/2 (official price 32).
 Cheese—Firm, unchanged.
 Eggs—Firm, Pennsylvania and nearby selected brown and mixed laid to choice 31 to 34.
 Potatoes—Easy; Jersey per barrel 1.90 to 2.12; foreign per bag 1.75 to 2.00.
 Cabbages—Firm; State per ton 30.00 to 32.00; red, per ton 35.00 to 38.00.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Steady for spot and a shade easier for futures. Trade quiet; prime crude 29 1/2 to 29 3/4; prime summer yellow 38 to 38 3/4; off summer yellow 37 to 38; good off summer yellow 38 to 38 1/2; prime white 39 to 41 1/2; prime winter yellow 44 to 46.

Butter—Firm; creamery specials 32 to 32 1/2 (official price 32).

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

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tar. Total—2100 bales cotton, 47 casks spirits turpentine, 78 barrels rosin, 114 barrels tar, 46 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.
 Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Valhalla (Br.) 1,660 tons, Merryfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
 Holmea (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey,

TOBACCO TRUST ILLEGAL COMBINE

Nine Companies and Subsidiaries
Named in Final Decree Unit-
ed States Court.

BOTH SIDES ASK APPEAL

Government Appeals For Reason of
Court's Failure to Declare That
Certain Companies Are At-
tempting Monopoly.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 15.—Nine compa-
nies with their subsidiaries are named
as constituting an illegal combination
in the final decree filed today in the
United States Circuit Court, putting
into effect the judgment recently ob-
tained by the government in its suit
to dissolve the so-called tobacco trust.
The companies named are the American
Tobacco Company, the American Cigar
Company, the American Stogie Com-
pany, MacAndrews and Forbes Com-
pany, P. Lorillard and Company, R. J.
Reynolds Tobacco Company, Black-
wells Durham Tobacco Company and
the Conley Fertilizer Company.

Each of the first five of these com-
panies, the court declares, is in itself
a combination in violation of the law.
The order enjoins these companies
from continuing as parties in the com-
bination and restrains them from en-
gaging in inter-State or foreign trade
until "reasonable competition" be-
tween them is restored. Nor may the
companies named or their subsidiaries
acquire by conveyance or otherwise
the plant or business of any other de-
fendant corporation wherein any one
of them now holding stock or exercise
any control whatsoever over its cor-
porate acts.

Both the government and the de-
fendant companies will at once take
appeals from the decree. Such action
on the companies part will make effec-
tive on highly important cause—that
which provides for a suspension of the
injunction during the pendency of such
appeal. As the matter stands there-
fore the companies may continue busi-
ness as heretofore and until an affirma-
tion of the judgment is obtained in
the Supreme Court. Twenty days is
allowed for an appeal to be filed. The
government will appeal on what it
considers errors and omissions in the
decree and the defendants will appeal
from the decision of the court.

It is understood that the ground of
the government appeal will be the failure
of the court to declare that the
American Tobacco Company, the
American Cigar Company, the American
Stogie Company, MacAndrews and
Forbes Company and the Conley Fer-
tilizer Company have each attempted
and are attempting to force a mono-
poly. Another ground for the govern-
ment's appeal will be the denial of its
demand for a receivership for the de-
fendant corporation.

As indicated in the original finding
the complaint of the government was
dismissed as the Imperial Tobacco
Company of Great Britain and Ireland,
limited; the British American Tobacco
Company, W. S. Matthews and Sons;
T. C. Williams Company; David Dun-
lap, Incorporated, and the United
Cigar Stores Company.

A NOTABLE GATHERING

At the National Geographic Society
Banquet Last Night.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—Every State
and Territory in the Union, several
of the insular possessions and many
of the foreign countries were repre-
sented by leaders in every imagin-
able phase of world activity at the an-
nual banquet of the National Geogra-
phic Society which was held at the
New Willard Hotel tonight. When
President Willis L. Moore, chief of
the United States weather bureau,
called the banquet to order there
were 400 members and their guests
gathered about the tables. Among
them were Vice President and Mrs.
Fairbanks, Secretary of the Navy
Newberry, Secretary of Agriculture
Willson, Attorney General Bonaparte,
Governor Frear, of Hawaii, Chief
Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court
of the United States, Senators and
Representatives in large number. Al-
exander Graham Bell and other sci-
entists known the world over, many
members of the diplomatic corps and
representative newspaper editors and
correspondents.

Vice President Fairbanks made a
short address of greeting. Secretary
Newberry spoke from the toast "The
Navy in Peace"; Rear Admiral Rob-
ley D. Evans responded to "The Com-
mander-in-Chief." Major A. W. Gre-
eley, formerly at the head of the signal
service, discussed "Geological Re-
search." Miss Mabel Boardman, of
this city, conspicuous in the leader-
ship of the American Red Cross So-
ciety, portrayed the work and aims of
that movement.

THREATS FOLLOWED BY SHOTS

Deputy Marshal Has Miraculous Es-
cape—Moonshiner Assailed.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Kessler, Ga., Dec. 15.—By an un-
known assailant hidden behind a tree
just off the right of way of the Geor-
gia, Florida and Alabama railway near
here, a bullet was sent into the coach
of a passenger train yesterday after-
noon, shattering glass over the head
and shoulders of United States Deputy
Marshal Z. Norton and passing just in
front of his eyes. Threats are said to
have reached him within the last three
days warning him to cease his efforts
to round up moonshiners in this sec-
tion. Last week he captured a man
named Camp Hall, alleged to have
been engaged in moonshining.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

The President's Special Causes Laugh-
ter in the Senate—Foraker is
Hammering at the Brown-
ville Case.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—The Presi-
dent's Panama canal message was
read in the Senate today and its read-
ing was received with loud laughter
by some of the Senators.

Senator Foraker endeavored to have
the Senate to adopt a resolution call-
ing on the Secretary of War for de-
tailed information concerning the men
employed, instructions given and ex-
penses incurred in the investigation
by detectives into the Brownsville af-
fair referred to by the President in
his message of yesterday.

Senator Warren objected to the im-
mediate consideration of the resolu-
tion when it will come up for consid-
eration.

The postal savings bank bill was the
subject of speeches by Senators Car-
ter and Depew, both of whom advocat-
ed the measure. The bill was made
the unfinished business of the Senate
displacing the joint resolution for the
repeal of the commodity clause of the
Inter-State Commerce law.

On motion of Senator Fulton the
omnibus claims bill will be taken up
by the Senate on January 6th for con-
sideration.

Brief memorial services were held
for the late Representative George W.
Smith of Illinois, and at 3:30 o'clock
the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The hopes of the so-called insur-
gents in the House for a revision of the
rules of that body were dissipated, for
the time being at least, when Mr.
Gardner of Massachusetts, failed to
obtain the adoption of an amended
resolution calling for the appointment
of a committee of eight members to
consider the subject and report the
changes they deem necessary.

By a substantial majority the House
voted to take away from the Commit-
tee on Foreign Affairs consideration
of the resolution which in its original
form, simply called for information
from the Secretary of State regarding
what the British House of Commons
had done in that regard. A ruling by
the Speaker that the amendment of
Mr. Gardner changed the character of
the resolution in such a way as to
not make it privileged was sustained
and the resolution then was laid on
the table.

After passing some bills relating to
the District of Columbia the remain-
der of the day was taken up with the
bill to revise the penal laws of the
United States, which was considered
at length during the last session.

At 5:03 P. M. the House adjourned.

HAINS-ANNIS TRIAL

The Jury Secured in This Murder
Trial—Evidence Taken Today.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 15.—A jury
of twelve has been selected to try Thor-
nton J. Hains, a story writer, as a prin-
cipal in the killing of Mr. Annis, a
publisher who was shot to death by
Captain Peter Hains at the Bayside
Yacht Club last summer, and tomorrow
the State will present its case against
the author. Six jurors were chosen
today, the twelfth taking his seat
shortly before 6 o'clock tonight, when
an adjournment was taken until to-
morrow morning.

One hundred and seventeen tales-
men were examined before the jury
box was filled. Thornton Hains ex-
pressed himself as pleased with the
make-up of the jury that would pass
upon the evidence in the case.

The expedition with which the jury
chosen, taking only four sessions of
court, is considered unusual in view
of the widespread knowledge of the
case in Queens county.

The prosecution of the case will be
represented by District Attorney Dar-
ren and it is expected that the exami-
nation of witnesses by both sides will
consume at least two or three days.

A feature of the trial will be a tank
of water and a model float and cat
boat in miniature in replica of the
scene of the shooting which will be
placed on a table in front of the wit-
ness stand. Iron manikins represent-
ing the principals in the affair will be
moved in this marine theatre to illus-
trate actions and positions taken in
the tragedy by Hains and the wit-
nesses.

The members of the jury will be
permitted to return to their homes at
the conclusion of each day's trial.

WHAT THE FARMERS RAISE

Figures of Agricultural Department as
to Farm Products.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—The produc-
tion in 1908 and farm value on De-
cember 1st of important farm products
according to the final revised esti-
mates of the Department of Agricul-
ture announced today was as follows:
Corn 2,668,651,000 bushels and farm
value \$1,616,145,000; winter wheat
437,908,000 bushels and farm value
\$410,330,000; spring wheat 226,694,000
bushels and farm value \$206,496,000;
oats 807,156,000 bushels and farm value
\$381,171,000; barley 166,756,000
bushels and farm value \$92,442,000.
Figures for other crops include:
Rye 31,851,000 bushels and \$23,455,000;
buckwheat 15,374,000 bushels and \$12-
004,000; flax seed 25,250,000 bushels
and \$30,577,000; rice 21,890,000 bushels
and \$17,771,000; potatoes 278, 985,000
bushels and \$197,039,000; hay 70,798-
000 tons and \$635,423,000; and tobacco
718,061,000 pounds and \$74,130,000.

A Healthy Family.
"Our whole family has enjoyed good
health since we began using Dr.
King's New Life Pills, three years
ago," says L. A. Bartlett, of Rural
Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They
cleanse and tone the system in a gen-
tle way that does you good. 25c. at
R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

WAR IN EARNEST IN VENEZUELA

Hostile Acts By Dutch Warships
in The Caribbean
Sea.

FIRST PRIZE SHIP TAKEN

A Battleship of The Netherlands Na-
vy Arrives at Willemstad With
a Captured Venezuelan
Warship in Tow.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Willemstad, Dec. 15.—The Dutch
battleship Jacon von Heemskerck ar-
rived this morning towing as a prize
the Venezuelan coastguard vessel "23
de Mayo."

The flag of The Netherlands had
been hoisted to the peak of the Vene-
zuelan ship and astern of the Dutch
flag floated the Venezuelan colors.

The capture was effected on De-
cember 13th, near Cumana on the
Gulf of Caracao. The Jacob von
Heemskerck observed the "23 de Ma-
yo" in the offing, took possession of
her and sent a prize crew aboard.
The Venezuelan crew was sent ashore
in the small boats of the captured
ship. The crew of the "23 de Mayo"
made no resistance. All the rifles
found on board were sent ashore with
the crew. The "23 de Mayo" was for-
merly an American steamer called the
Alliance. She belonged to a Mr.
Smith, who was at one time American
consul here. She was captured by
Venezuela in 1897, while in distress
off Maracaibo, on the ground that she
was engaged in running contraband
to the Venezuelan coast. Mr. Smith
made claim against the Venezuelan
government for the vessel and his de-
mand was reduced in 1903 to \$2,900.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland left
here yesterday for the Venezuelan
coast. She is out after the Vene-
zuelan torpedo boat Margarita, a steel
vessel of 97 tons, armed with four
3-pounders and two torpedo tubes.
This vessel is supposed to be at the
Island of Maraita.

The Jacob von Heemskerck will
leave here tomorrow to resume her
patrol service on the coast.

The "23 de Mayo" while classed as
a coastguard vessel, is a unit of the
Venezuelan navy, but her size and
strength are insignificant. She is of
130 tons and armed with one machine
gun.

READY FOR THE TRIAL

Will Begin Selecting Jurors in Night
Rider Case Today.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Today
was spent in preparation for to-
morrow's court session at which the
selection of a jury to hear the cases of
the eight men charged with murder
in connection with the recent night
rider raids at Reel Foot Lake will be-
gin.

While attaches of the sheriff's office
rode from farm to farm summoning
the veniremen named by Judge Jones,
the attorneys who will have a part in
the trial were busy completing their
plans. Tomorrow will be in readiness
for the trials. Subpoenas for 130
State witnesses and a like number for
the defense have been given to the
sheriff for service.

The special grand jury today heard
several witnesses and learned more
of the earlier raids, especially about
the burning of the fish wharves at
Samburg in April.

One of the witnesses, John Shaw,
proprietor of a general store at Sam-
burg, was several times "visited." When
the fish piers were burned he was
forced, according to his statement,
to take a place in the vanguard of
the crowd and act as a shield for
the bullets of those in charge of the
piers. The sheriff declared that al-
though he complied with the demands
of the clan and withdrew from the
land company against which the ef-
forts of the band were directed, he
was whipped.

It is reported that additional troops
will be brought to assist those now
here in guarding court during trials
and prevent any demonstration. A
portion of this force, it is said, will
be the cavalry which will patrol the
roads leading to Union City.

HAMPTON GAS PROPERTIES.

Company in Hands of Receivers and
Justice Asks For Sale.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—The Colum-
bia Trust Company, of New York,
trustee, under the \$150,000 bond issue
of the public service corporation of
Virginia owning the Hampton, Vir-
ginia gas properties, today filed in the
United States court here its bill for
foreclosure, asking for the sale of the
trust estate which is now in the
hands of receivers.

J. M. Cumming, a stockholder, and
the American Stogie Company, a cre-
ditor, today filed answers to the pe-
tition of W. S. Grey and other stock-
holders for the sale of the property,
objecting to this until all collectible
debts are in and until effort has been
made to compromise outstanding ob-
ligations of the corporation at less
than face value.

NEGRO KILLS FOREMAN

Tragedy Stirs Woodstock, and Negro
Is Pursued by posse.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—A tele-
gram received here this afternoon by
Dr. M. B. Herlong, a prominent physi-
cian stated that V. A. Herlong, his
brother, and foreman of the McGhee
Lumber Company's mills at Wood-
stock had been shot to death by a ne-
gro employee and that a posse had
been formed and was in hot pursuit
of the negro who had escaped to a
neighboring swamp.

REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE

The Reading of a State Paper From
the President Causes Laughter
by Members of Both Hou-
ses—To Committees.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Repeated ap-
peals of laughter greeted the reading
of the opening paragraph of the Presi-
dent's message to Congress in the
Panama canal charges. As the Sec-
retary read the statement that the
charges were "false in every particu-
lar," Senator Bailey laughed outright
as he was passing along the rear of
the chamber to his seat. Other Sena-
tors on both sides of the chamber
joined with him and when the reader
reached the statement that a state-
ment in a newspaper which he men-
tioned would not be believed there
was general merriment from both
sides of the chamber.

There was only a small number of
Senators present when the reading
was begun and it was hurried through
the papers accompanying the mes-
sage not being read at all.

The message elicited the greatest
interest in the House of Representa-
tives. The members gave close atten-
tion during the reading of the docu-
ment and there was a ripple of laugh-
ter over the President's characteriza-
tion of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of
the New York World.

The message with its accompanying
papers was referred to committees.

Accompanying the President's mes-
sage was a large bundle of documents
bearing upon the transfer of the can-
al property to the United States. Many
of these documents were in French
without English translation. There
was nothing which showed di-
rectly the persons who received the
\$40,000,000 paid by the United States,
but there was included a list of about
7,000 stockholders in the old and new
Panama Canal Companies, all of
them citizens of France and of the
Colombian Republic. There was not
the name of a citizen of the United
States in the entire list.

World Answers President.

New York, Dec. 15.—The World, in
the course of its answer to President
Roosevelt's references to that paper
in his special message to Congress
today, says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken, he cannot
muzzle The World. While no amount
of billingsgate on his part can alter
our determination to treat him with
judicial impartiality and scrupulous
fairness, we repeat what he has
already said, that the Congress of the
United States should make a thorough
investigation of the whole Panama
transaction, that the full truth may
be known to the American people."

"The World fully appreciates the
compliment paid to it by Mr. Roose-
velt's statement when he declared to
Congress that the proprietor of the
World should be prosecuted for libel
by the governmental authorities and
that the Attorney General has under
consideration the form under which
the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer
shall be brought."

"This is the first time a President
ever asserted the doctrine of *lese ma-
jeste*, or proposed, in the absence
of specific legislation, the criminal
prosecution by the Government of
citizens who criticized the conduct
of the Government or the conduct of
individuals who may have had busi-
ness dealings with the Government.
Neither the King of Great Britain nor
the German Emperor would venture
to arrogate such power to himself.
John Adams' attempt to enforce the
sedition law destroyed the Federalist
party in America. Yet Mr. Roosevelt
in the absence of law officially propos-
es to use all the power of the great-
est government on earth to cripple
the freedom of the press on the pre-
text that the Government itself has
been libelled—and he is the Govern-
ment."

"It is true that The World printed
the public reports concerning the Pan-
ama canal affair which resulted from
William Nelson Cromwell's appeal to
the district attorney's office during
the recent campaign to prevent the
publication of a story which was said
to be in the hands of the Democratic
National Committee. It was Mr. Crom-
well's own action which raised the
issue in the campaign."

"It is true also that when Mr. Roose-
velt made his attack upon Delavan
Smith, The World called attention to
certain statements which Mr. Roose-
velt must have known to be false or
misleading and appealed to Congress
to end all scandal by a full and impar-
tial investigation. If this be treason,
let Mr. Roosevelt make the most of it."

"Mr. Roosevelt's lamentable habit
of inaccurate statements makes it im-
possible to accept either his judg-
ments or his conclusions. In his mes-
sage he does not state correctly even
so simple a matter as the pretended
causes of his grievance. The World
has never said that Charles P. Taft
or Douglas Robinson made any profits
whatever. Mr. Taft denied that he
was concerned in the transaction in
any way, which denial The World
published and accepted. It would
have been equally glad to print Mr.
Robinson's denial could it have suc-
ceeded in obtaining one from him, as
it frequently attempted. The World
has no evidence that he was associat-
ed with Mr. Cromwell, and would ac-
cept his word to that effect; for Mr.
Robinson is an estimable gentleman
of high character, whose reputation
for veracity is infinitely better than
that of his distinguished brother-in-
law."

"If The World has libelled anybody
we hope it will be punished, but we
do not intend to be intimidated by Mr.
Roosevelt's threats or by Mr. Roose-
velt's denunciation, or by Mr. Roose-
velt's power."

Would Mortgage the Farm.
A farmer on Rural Route 2, Em-
pire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says:
"Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the
two worst sores I ever saw; one on
my hand and one on my leg. It is
worth more than its weight in gold.
I would not be without it if I had to
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ATTACKED BY A NEGRO.

Fearful Experience of Stanly County
Woman—Timely Aid Arrives.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The usu-
ally quiet county of Stanly is in a
state of intense excitement tonight
over the first case in the history of
the county of criminal assault of a
white woman by a negro, and it is
feared that there may be mob vi-
olence before tomorrow at Albemarle,
where Henry Young, colored, is in
jail, having been beaten into uncon-
sciousness at the home of John R.
Moss, near Whitney, tonight by Moss
and George Lefler, who, attracted to
the home of Moss by the screams of
Mrs. Moss, found her in the clutches
of the negro, making desperate efforts
to reach the telephone to call for help.
The negro had watched for an oppor-
tunity and soon after Moss had left
his wife alone at the house, ap-
proached and attacked Mrs. Moss.
She ran into the house and locked
the doors. Young broke down a door
and entered, and, seizing the woman,
a desperate struggle ensued. Upon
arrival of Moss and Lefler they had
a desperate struggle and fist fight with
the negro before they subdued him.
Sheriff Green was called and he took
the prisoner to the jail at Albemarle,
six miles away after he had been
guarded for two hours at the Moss
home.

STANDARD BILL OF LADING

A Conference on the Subject—Ship-
pers About Agreed On It.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chairman
Knapp, of the Inter-State Commerce
Commission, today had a conference
with representatives of shippers from
all parts of the country regarding the
proposed standard bill of lading. The
form of the proposed bill is meeting
with general acceptance, not only by
the railways but by the shippers. One
class of shippers, represented at to-
day's conference, consignees of perish-
able products—fruits and vegetables—
feared that the bill or lading as proposed
does not deal with them fairly. They
want the value of the property to be
fixed at the point of destination in-
stead of at the point of origin, and
they desire that the property be given
a negotiable value at the point of
shipment.

The likelihood is that the proposed
bill of lading, which has been agreed
to by the Inter-State Commerce Com-
mission and by many of the carriers
will be accepted with such modifica-
tions as may be reasonable, without
further negotiations in regard to the
matter.

WARRANTS FOR TEN

Noted Feudist and Friends Alleged to
Have Plotted Shooting.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15.—Warrants
were issued today for the arrest of
Edward Callahan, the noted feudist,
and ten of his friends. The warrant
charges these men with plotting and
carrying out the shooting of Rash Se-
bastian several days ago. It is claim-
ed by Sebastian and his friends that
they were fired upon while passing the
home of Callahan in company with
Willie Deacon, son of James Deacon,
who was killed by Callahan and others
several years ago, near the mouth of
Long's Creek.

Where Bullets Flew.
David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a
veteran of the civil war, who lost a
foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good
Electric Bitters have done me more
good than five hundred dollars to me.
I spent much money doctoring for a
bad case of stomach trouble, to little
purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters,
and they cured me. I now take them
as a tonic, and they keep me strong
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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other	
Bonds	188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par)	550,000 00
Bank Buildings	55,000 00
Cash	1,228,698 18
	\$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	288,134 69
Circulation	550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00